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LACKING SEVERAL ISSUES

Details on "fast" proposals and current proposals will be published in the Canada Gazette on January 8, 1994. The deadline for comments on proposals already under consideration is February 1, and the deadline for new proposals is February 15.

"The success of early tariff elimination under the NAFTA Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has proven to be a success for all three countries," said Mr. MacLachlan. "The success of the FTA has resulted in approximately 14 billion in tariff revenue being eliminated."

The Minister emphasized that, as in the FTA, the NAFTA process is driven by industry requests. The process will continue with exporters, industry associations, and government departments and the Secretary of State for International Trade.

Mr. Martin noted that the Government of Canada is "strongly committed" to the NAFTA process and will continue to work with the other two governments to ensure that the process is maintained. "There is a strong commitment to the NAFTA process and we will continue to work with the other two governments to ensure that the process is maintained."

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Details on how companies can submit proposals will be published in the *Canada Gazette* on January 8, 1994. The deadline for views on products already under consideration is February 1, and the deadline for new proposals is February 22.

"The success of early tariff elimination under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has prompted companies to propose accelerated reductions in tariffs under the NAFTA," Mr. MacLaren said. Three rounds of accelerated tariff elimination under the FTA resulted in approximately \$9 billion in bilateral duties being eliminated.

The Minister emphasized that, as in the FTA, the NAFTA process is driven by industry requests. The Government will consult with companies, industry associations, labour groups, provincial governments and the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade.

Mr. Martin noted that the Government supports those Canadian producers who wish to see the current tariff phase-out schedules maintained. "Where Canadian producers have opposed tariff acceleration requests in the past, the Government will only reconsider if circumstances have significantly changed."

The NAFTA provides for the eventual elimination of most tariffs on Canadian, U.S. and Mexican goods traded between the three countries. While tariffs on some Mexican products were

eliminated on January 1, 1994, others will be phased out in five or 10 equal annual stages. Tariffs on goods traded between Canada and the United States will continue to be eliminated at the rate negotiated under the FTA, but could be eliminated faster under the NAFTA accelerated tariff elimination process.

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PRODUCTS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR EARLY TARIFF ELIMINATION UNDER THE NAFTA

Dry beans

Bedding components

Cream cheese (under U.S. and Mexican customs tariffs only)

Flat glass

Major household appliances

Potatoes

Wine

Appliance timers

Sesame tape for corrugated containers (i.e. narrow woven fabric)

Debris netting

Keyed padlocks

Fabric for banners

Aircraft fasteners

Medium density fibreboard

The following components for railcars: articles of bedding and similar furnishings, cushions; plastic light lenses; lamps and lighting fittings; laminated safety glass for railway vehicles; steel or aluminum hinges; rubber hoses; lighting equipment; plywood and similar laminated wood, with metal on one or both faces; receptacle boxes of metal; suspension shock-absorbers; insulated wire over 600 volts; propulsion system A.C. motors; mirrors; destination signs and fuses.



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MACLAREN WELCOMES U.S. DECISION ON SOFTWOOD LUMBER

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, welcomed today's decision by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) to accept the December 17, 1993, ruling by the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement subsidy panel. The panel had ruled that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia's log export restrictions.

"This is an important step toward a final resolution of this long-standing dispute," Mr. MacLaren stated. "It is clear now that DOC should implement the panel ruling and remove the countervailing duty at the earliest possible opportunity."

While the duty will remain at the current rate of 6.51 percent for the time being, the Government is confident that today's decision will lead to the eventual refund of more than \$500 million in duties paid to date by the Canadian lumber producers. In the absence of any further legal proceedings, duties collected could be refunded with interest as early as late March 1994.

The Minister noted that he sees no basis for further legal proceedings related to this panel. "This has been a long and costly process, which should not have been initiated in the first place. The panel findings have made it clear that the countervailing duty should now be removed."

Canadian lumber exports to the United States exceeded \$4 billion in 1992, accounting for roughly 54 percent of Canada's total lumber production. The value of Canadian lumber shipments to the United States is expected to reach roughly \$6 billion in 1993.

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SOFTWOOD LUMBER

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

For the past 40 years, the United States has consumed more softwood lumber than it has produced. Canada has been an important and dependable supplier of quality lumber products. As a result of the U.S. need to import softwood lumber, Canada has had a relatively constant share of the U.S. market over the last 10 years.

Softwood lumber has been the subject of a difficult trade dispute for Canada and the United States for over a decade.

In 1982-83, the United States conducted its first countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of softwood lumber from Canada and concluded that Canadian programs did not confer a countervailable subsidy to lumber producers.

In May 1986, the United States initiated its second CVD investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) reversed itself in October 1986, making a preliminary determination that Canadian programs did confer a countervailable subsidy of 15 percent on lumber producers. To resolve this contentious trade dispute, Canada and the United States entered into the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Under the MOU, Canada agreed to collect an export charge of 15 percent on the value of softwood lumber exported to the United States. In return, the U.S. industry agreed to withdraw its CVD petition and the United States terminated the investigation.

The MOU provided for elimination or reduction of the export charge as a result of changes in provincial forest-management regimes, particularly stumpage programs, and other forest-management charges. As a result of subsequent amendments to the MOU:

- Atlantic Canada was exempted from payment of the export charge;
- the export charge was reduced to 0 percent for exports of British Columbia lumber; and
- the export charge had gradually been reduced for exports of Quebec lumber, to a rate of 3.1 percent by late 1991.

In addition, Alberta and Ontario made various changes in their forest-management regimes that would almost certainly have

reduced the rate of export charge for these provinces. The MOU had not yet been amended to reflect these changes before it was terminated.

On September 3, 1991, the Government of Canada informed the Government of the United States of its intention to terminate the 1986 Softwood Lumber MOU effective October 4, 1991. The MOU specifically provided for its termination on 30 days' notice. Before taking this action, Canada used the U.S. government's own Timber Sales Program Information Reporting System (TSPIRS) accounting system to compare government forestry costs and revenues in the four major timber-producing provinces. The analysis showed that each province obtained revenues far in excess of its allocated forestry costs. The Canadian government had concluded that circumstances had materially changed from 1986, that there was no subsidy of softwood lumber production in Canada, and that the MOU no longer served any purpose.

The United States government responded to Canada's termination of the MOU by self-initiating a CVD investigation on October 31, 1991, the third CVD investigation of softwood lumber in 10 years. The United States also imposed an interim bonding requirement on imports of lumber from Canada under Section 301 of the U.S Trade Act of 1930. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were specifically excluded from the interim bonding requirement and CVD investigation.

Under U.S. trade remedy law, four decisions must be taken by two separate government agencies before a final countervailing duty can be imposed: a preliminary determination of injury (i.e. that subsidized imports have caused material injury to the U.S. industry) by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC); a preliminary determination of subsidy by the DOC; a final determination of subsidy by the DOC; and a final determination of injury by the ITC.

The Section 301 interim bonding requirement was ended on March 12, 1992, when the United States made a preliminary determination of subsidy in the CVD investigation. On July 13, 1992, the United States completed its investigation and imposed a countervailing duty of 6.51 percent on imports of softwood lumber from Canada. The Government of Canada, the provinces and the Canadian industry appealed the duty action to binding binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). As well, Canada challenged the U.S. Section 301 action and the initiation of the CVD investigation before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

THE CANADIAN LUMBER INDUSTRY

The forest industry is one of Canada's most important industries. It employed almost 300 000 people in 1992 and contributed \$17.5 billion to Canada's gross domestic product in 1991. As an earner of export dollars, the forest industry is Canada's most important industrial sector. About 350 communities across Canada

are dependent on the forest sector as their primary source of employment.

The softwood lumber industry is a significant component of the Canadian forest industry. The softwood lumber industry accounted for 19 percent of employment in the forestry sector in 1990. Canada is one of the largest producers of softwood lumber in the world. In 1991, Canada accounted for 16 percent of total world softwood lumber production, following only the United States (at 24 percent) and the former Soviet Union (at 19 percent). Within Canada, British Columbia is the principal producer of softwood lumber, accounting for 61 percent (by volume) of production in 1991. The next largest producer was Quebec, accounting for 17 percent of production by volume.

In 1991, Canada exported more softwood lumber than any other country, accounting for 36 percent (by value) of total world exports. The principal destination for these exports is the United States. In 1992, Canada exported over 13 billion board feet of softwood lumber to the United States, valued at approximately \$4.2 billion. The value of exports in 1993 is expected to approach \$6 billion.

NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER PRICES AND DEMAND

Western spruce-pine-fir two-by-four prices peaked at a record US\$475 per thousand board feet (MBF) in mid-March 1993, double the 1992 average price of US\$231 and 80 percent greater than the previous peak of US\$262 per MBF in 1979.

The sharp increase in lumber prices reflected the anticipated timber supply reductions in the U.S. Pacific Northwest, along with a forecasted increase in housing starts in the United States. While the anticipated timber shortage in the Pacific Northwest has become a reality, mills in the southern U.S. and eastern Canada have been able to boost production to make up for losses in production elsewhere.

Between March and June 1993, lumber prices dropped significantly. Since June 1993, however, prices have recovered. The October 1993 average price for softwood lumber was US\$389 per MBF, an increase of 24 percent over the previous month. This reflects a strengthening in U.S. demand. Housing starts seem to have finally responded to relatively low interest rates. Housing starts in the United States increased by 7.8 percent in August and a further 2.7 percent in September. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of new starts in September was the highest it has been since February 1990.

Canadian companies took advantage of the increased demand for lumber. Overall, lumber exports to the United States in 1992 increased by 14 percent over 1991. The market has remained relatively strong for much of 1993, and this trend is expected to continue into 1994. The U.S. Administration's plan to resolve the Pacific Northwest timber supply problems has been announced.

There will be significant reductions in timber sales from this region. The U.S. Forest Service announced on July 16, 1993, that annual federal timber sales in the region must be limited to between 200 million and 1.7 billion board feet over the next two decades to protect threatened species. In addition, the allowable cut in some major British Columbia timber management areas has already been decreased, with further reductions expected in coming years.

THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION

During the countervailing duty investigation, the DOC investigated provincial stumpage programs and Canadian log export control measures.

An affirmative preliminary determination of injury was made on December 12, 1991, by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC).

On March 5, 1992, the DOC announced its affirmative preliminary determination that stumpage programs and log export restrictions in British Columbia conferred subsidies to softwood lumber exported to the United States at a national rate of 14.48 percent ad valorem (stumpage at 6.25 percent + log export controls at 8.23 percent). Effective March 12, 1992, importers of softwood lumber from Canada were required to make cash deposits or post bonds of 14.48 percent on the value of the imported merchandise.

In its final affirmative determination on May 15, 1992, the DOC confirmed its March 5, 1992 decision that Canada's provincial stumpage mechanisms, and log export restrictions in British Columbia provided countervailable subsidies to softwood lumber imported from Canada. The overall country-wide subsidy rate was reduced to 6.51 percent ad valorem (stumpage at 2.91 percent + log export controls at 3.60 percent). The DOC also excluded 15 companies from the investigation.

On May 28, 1992, the Government of Canada, the provincial governments and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of subsidy to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. The panel reported its findings on May 6, 1993, unanimously instructing the DOC to re-examine its determinations on virtually all of the key issues in the case, reflecting in large part the arguments made by the Canadian government, provincial governments and industry.

On September 17, 1993, the DOC responded to the FTA panel with a new subsidy determination, reaffirming its original conclusion. The new determination, in fact, sought to increase the subsidy rate. The panel reviewed the DOC's conclusions and made its second ruling on December 17, 1993, to make .

On June 25, 1992, the United States ITC, in a four-to-two vote, determined that subsidized imports of Canadian lumber materially injured U.S. lumber producers. This was the last of four

decisions in the United States CVD investigation. On July 24, 1992, the Government of Canada, the affected provinces and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of injury to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. This panel reported its findings on July 26, 1993, ruling that the United States did not possess sufficient evidence to conclude that imports of lumber from Canada injured the U.S. industry.

FTA SUBSIDY PANEL

On May 6, 1993, the FTA Subsidy Panel referred virtually every major issue from the DOC original subsidy determination back to the Department for further review. On September 17, 1993, the DOC reaffirmed its original conclusion that provincial stumpage programs and British Columbia's log export restrictions conferred a countervailable subsidy. The DOC concluded that the subsidy had increased from the original level of 6.51 percent to a rate of 11.54 percent.

On December 17, 1993, the FTA Subsidy Panel ruled that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia log export restrictions.

On January 6, 1994, the DOC accepted the December 17, 1993 ruling by the FTA Subsidy Panel.

FTA INJURY PANEL

On July 26, 1993, the FTA Injury Panel concluded that the ITC did not possess sufficient evidence on the record of the investigation to conclude that the alleged subsidized imports of softwood lumber from Canada were injuring the U.S. domestic lumber industry. In response to the panel, the ITC reconsidered the information and again concluded, on October 25, 1993, that the U.S. lumber industry was injured by imports of Canadian lumber. The FTA Injury Panel has until January 24, 1994, to make its next decision.

GATT SUBSIDIES CODE PANEL

A GATT Subsidies Code Panel was established in December 1991 at Canada's request to determine whether the U.S. actions were consistent with U.S. international trade obligations. The panel found that the United States had violated its obligations when it imposed the Section 301 interim bonding requirements, but that the United States possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the CVD investigation. The panel report was adopted by the GATT Subsidies Code Committee on October 27, 1993. The United States has an obligation to implement the panel's instructions to terminate the Section 301 interim bonding requirement, refund any cash deposits and cancel any bonds resulting from the Section 301 action.

CHRONOLOGY

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

- 1982-83 The United States conducts the first countervailing duty investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) concludes that Canadian programs do not confer subsidies to Canadian lumber producers.
- 1986 The United States conducts the second countervailing duty investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The DOC reverses itself and concludes that provincial stumpage programs confer subsidies of 15 percent to Canadian lumber producers.
- December 30 Canada and the United States resolve the bitter and highly political trade dispute by entering into the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Canada agrees to impose an export charge of 15 percent on softwood lumber exports to the United States in return for the U.S. industry withdrawing its countervailing duty petition and the U.S. government terminating the investigation.
- 1987-91 The MOU is amended on several occasions to exempt the Atlantic Provinces from the Canadian export charge and to reduce the export charge for British Columbia and Quebec as a result of replacement measures implemented by the provinces.
- 1991
- September 3 The Government of Canada serves a Diplomatic Note on the Government of the United States, advising of Canada's intent to terminate the 1986 Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding, effective October 4, 1991.
- October 4 Canada terminates the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding.
- The United States announces its intention to self-initiate the third countervailing duty investigation and to impose an interim bonding requirement on imports of Canadian softwood lumber.
- October 31 The DOC self-initiates the third countervailing duty investigation.
- December 16 The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative preliminary determination of injury.

At Canada's request, the Subsidies Code Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) establishes a panel to examine whether the U.S. imposition of interim bonding measures and the self-initiation of the countervailing duty investigation violated U.S. trade obligations.

1992

March 5 The DOC makes the preliminary determination of subsidy -- 14.48 percent.

May 28 The DOC makes the final determination of subsidy -- 6.51 percent.

The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final subsidy determination to binding binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

June 25 The ITC makes a final determination of injury -- affirmative material injury.

July 24 The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final injury determination to binding binational panel review under FTA Chapter 19.

1993

February 19 The GATT Subsidies Code Panel distributes final report to the Subsidies Code Committee. The panel concludes that the United States violated its trade obligations when it used Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose the bonding requirement, but that it possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the countervailing duty investigation.

May 6 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel reports its findings, instructing the DOC to re-examine its original determination on each of the major issues.

July 26 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel reports its findings, concluding that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

September 17 The DOC makes a new subsidy determination on remand as a result of review by the FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel.

- October 18 The ITC conducts a vote on injury as a result of the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel July 26 decision.
- October 25 The ITC submits a new injury determination on remand to the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel.
- October 27 The GATT Subsidies Code Committee formally adopts the panel report concerning the U.S. use of Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose an interim bonding requirement in October 1991 and self-initiation of the countervailing duty investigation.
- December 17 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel rules that under U.S. trade law the DOC should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia's log export restrictions.

1994

- January 6 The DOC accepts the December 17, 1993, Subsidy Panel ruling.
- January 24 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel makes its next ruling on ITC determination on remand.



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MACLAREN TO ATTEND NAFTA COMMISSION INAUGURAL MEETING IN MEXICO

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will attend the inaugural meeting of the Free Trade Commission in Mexico City on January 14. The Commission will oversee the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Mr. MacLaren will meet with his counterparts, Mexico's Secretary of Trade and Industrial Development, Dr. Jaime Serra Puche, who will host the meeting, and the U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Mickey Kantor.

The ministers will review and provide direction on a number of NAFTA-related matters, including the work of the trilateral working groups on antidumping and subsidies/countervailing duties that were announced by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien on December 2, 1993.

"The Government of Canada places great importance on moving ahead with these working groups," Mr. MacLaren said. "We will work with our partners to build upon the progress on trade remedy issues achieved in the recent Uruguay Round negotiations. Our aim is to reduce disputes in our trading relationships."

The meeting of the Free Trade Commission will also provide an opportunity for ministers to discuss other NAFTA matters, including accession to the NAFTA by other countries, negotiations for accelerated tariff elimination, and the establishment of technical working groups, committees and co-ordinating bodies necessary to the smooth and successful operation of the Agreement.

Earlier on Friday, Mr. MacLaren will have a bilateral meeting with Ambassador Kantor to review the management of trade

relations between Canada and the United States. Mr. MacLaren and Secretary Serra held bilateral discussions on Canada-Mexico trade relations when they met in Mexico last week.

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NAFTA FREE TRADE COMMISSION INAUGURAL MEETING

NAFTA Free Trade Commission

The Free Trade Commission, comprising cabinet-level officials, is the NAFTA's governing body and central institution. Regular meetings are to be held annually, although the day-to-day work of the Commission will be carried out by officials of the three governments participating in various committees and working groups mandated by the NAFTA, operating on the basis of consensus.

Working Groups on Subsidies/Countervailing Duties and Antidumping

Canada, the United States and Mexico have agreed to seek solutions that will reduce the possibility of trade disputes concerning the issues of subsidies, dumping, and the operation of trade remedy laws concerning such practices. On December 2, 1993, the three countries announced the establishment of two trilateral working groups on subsidies/countervailing duties and antidumping to resolve these problems.

The working groups will build upon the clear set of rules on subsidies and countervailing duties achieved in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and on experience in regard to these issues. The groups will continue efforts begun in 1989 by a working group convened under Article 1907 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). They are to complete their work by December 31, 1995.

Accession Process

The Government of Canada will actively promote the broadest possible scope for global economic co-operation in order to improve the fairness, openness and predictability of world trade. Improvements in international trade rules are vital to Canada's future prosperity and remain fundamental objectives of Canadian policy.

The Government will, therefore, continue actively to pursue a better trading framework at every appropriate opportunity, including the expansion of the NAFTA free-trade area. Canada will encourage and welcome the accession of NAFTA countries that share as mutual objectives the expansion and enhancement of the NAFTA benefits.

While the NAFTA itself provides the framework for accession, the three NAFTA countries must still work out the procedures for accession.

Tariff Acceleration

The Government of Canada will participate in negotiations with the U.S. and Mexican governments to accelerate tariff elimination under the NAFTA. Article 302 of the NAFTA provides for accelerated elimination of duty on goods traded under the Agreement. The NAFTA provides for the eventual elimination of most tariffs on goods of North American origin traded among the three countries.

While tariffs on some products traded between Canada and Mexico were eliminated on January 1, 1994, others will be phased out in 5 or 10 equal annual stages. Tariffs on goods traded between Canada and the United States will continue to be eliminated at the rate negotiated under the FTA, but could be eliminated faster under the NAFTA accelerated tariff elimination process.

On January 6, 1994, International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren and Finance Minister Paul Martin invited interested parties to submit proposals for early tariff elimination under the NAFTA. They have also asked for comments on the early tariff removal proposals already put forward by industries in the three countries. The list of products includes dry beans, bedding components, flat glass, major household appliances, potatoes, and wine.

As in the FTA, the NAFTA accelerated tariff elimination process is industry-driven. The Government proceeds to negotiate only on those requests that are in the national interest and enjoy broadly based support in the industry concerned.

NAFTA Committees and Working Groups

Various committees and working groups are established under the NAFTA for the smooth and successful operation of the Agreement.

The following are committees and working groups currently established under the Agreement.

Committees

1. Committee on Trade in Goods
2. Committee on Trade in Worn Clothing
3. Committee on Agricultural Trade
 - Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes Regarding Agricultural Goods
4. Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

5. Committee on Standards-Related Measures
 - Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee
 - Telecommunications Standards Subcommittee
 - Automotive Standards Council
 - Subcommittee on Labelling of Textile and Apparel Goods
6. Committee on Small Business
7. Financial Services Committee
8. Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes

Working Groups

1. Working Group in Rules of Origin
 - Customs Subgroup
2. Working Group on Agricultural Subsidies
3. Bilateral Working Group (Mexico-United States)
4. Bilateral Working Group (Canada-Mexico)
5. Working Group on Trade and Competition
6. Temporary Entry Working Group



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OUELLET WELCOMES DECISION TO RESUME GUATEMALAN PEACE TALKS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the decision by the Government of Guatemala and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG) to resume peace negotiations. The last round of peace talks broke down in May 1993.

"This is a significant and encouraging step after an eight-month break in peace talks. Canada praises the flexibility shown by both parties in reaching this agreement and fully appreciates the difficulty and complexity of the issues to be negotiated," said Mr. Ouellet.

The accord was reached this week in Mexico City after a three-day meeting of the two sides. It calls for the resumption of formal negotiations during the second half of February and commits the parties to reach a firm and lasting peace agreement at the earliest opportunity. The parties have requested that the United Nations play a central role both as moderator and to verify that all parties fulfil their commitments.

Christine Stewart, Secretary of State, Latin America and Africa, urged both parties to maintain their efforts to bring to an end the three-decade conflict which has resulted in untold suffering and human rights abuses in Guatemala.

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QUELLET EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HOLST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today sent the following message of condolence to the Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Hartlem Bruntland:

All Canadians were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Johan Jorgen Holst.

Mr. Holst combined global vision with pragmatism. He was a friend of peace-loving men and women everywhere. His role in hosting the crucial talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians marked a key stage in the progress toward Middle East peace. He was a citizen of Norway but a world statesman whose contributions will live on in the future.

On behalf of the Government of Canada I would be most grateful if you would please convey to his family our sincere condolences and the respect Canadians had for him and his life's work.

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HAITIAN PRESIDENT ARISTIDE TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, will visit Canada from January 24 to 29.

"I look forward to President Aristide's visit to Canada. It will give us the opportunity to solicit his views on how Canada, in concert with the international community, can help drive forward Haiti's return to democracy and his reinstatement as President," Mr. Ouellet said.

President Aristide will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and with Mr. Ouellet. They will discuss, among other things, the restoration of democracy in Haiti and the return of Mr. Aristide, as well as Haiti's requirements for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance.

During his stay, Mr. Aristide will also meet with Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson and Ontario Premier Bob Rae, as well as with municipal representatives. He will also meet with business and non-governmental development and human rights groups, as well as with leaders of the Canadian-Haitian community.

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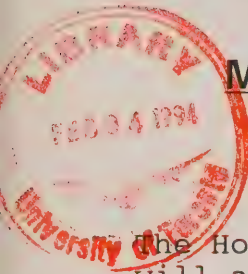
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MACLAREN TO ATTEND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN DAVOS, SWITZERLAND

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will attend the annual Symposium of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, January 27 to 30, 1994.

"I welcome the opportunity to meet world and regional economic leaders as well as executives of companies and organizations to exchange ideas on Canada's trade and economic relations with our trade partners. This is a particularly propitious time for such discussions in light of the positive world trade atmosphere created by the recently concluded Uruguay Round," the Minister said.

Mr. MacLaren will be a panelist in the official session on the North American Free Trade Agreement and the European Community together with Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Community, U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe, and Mexico's Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development, Jaime Serra Puche.

In addition to being keynote speaker at the annual Canadian Luncheon co-hosted by Canadian corporations and provinces, the Minister will hold bilateral talks with counterparts from Argentina, the Czech Republic, the European Union, France, Indonesia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The annual symposium in Davos attracts some 2000 world leaders in government, economy, business, finance and multilateral organizations. According to WEF estimates, the total commercial wealth represented by all the business leaders in Davos will exceed \$3 trillion.

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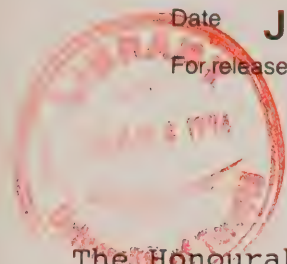
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MACLAREN TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA



The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will lead a Canadian trade mission to South Africa, January 30 to February 3.

This visit is the first by a Canadian cabinet minister and the first high-level business mission since Canada lifted trade and financial sanctions in September 1993.

Mr. MacLaren's visit will highlight the strong potential for increased trade and investment between the two countries. He will be accompanied by representatives of Canadian companies from the manufacturing, high-technology and financial services sectors.

"The abolition of apartheid and the adoption of a non-racial, democratic constitution have created a climate favourable for growth in new business between Canada and South Africa," Mr. MacLaren said. "Through this trade mission we will seek to ensure that Canadians are actively engaged in the economic expansion that will accompany these important reforms."

Mr. MacLaren will be joined on February 1 by the Honourable Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), and together they will meet leading figures from the South African government and democratic opposition.

The Minister's visit demonstrates that the Canadian government is strongly committed to the resumption of normal trade relations with South Africa. The official opening by Mr. MacLaren of Canada's new trade office in Johannesburg on January 31 will illustrate that commitment.

He will also speak to the South Africa-Canada Chamber of Business and meet other South African business leaders, including members of the black business community and experts involved in planning for reconstruction and development.

The Minister noted that Canada's trade sanctions against South Africa's previous apartheid regime resulted in loss of contact

and understanding between the two countries with respect to each other's economies and business climate.

"I want to make South Africa's business and government aware of the significant potential for trade between our two countries, particularly in the area of high technology, manufactured products and business services, in which Canada has developed a particular expertise," he said.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit Mozambique, Botswana and South Africa January 24 to February 3, 1994. In Botswana, she will lead the Canadian delegation to the annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). She will make a brief visit to Mozambique before and a more extended tour of South Africa after the SADC conference.

"Mrs. Stewart's participation in this year's SADC conference and her visits to Mozambique and South Africa will underscore Canadian support for Southern Africa at a time of tremendous change and uncertainty," Mr. Ouellet said.

Mrs. Stewart's visit to Mozambique on January 24 and 25 will demonstrate Canada's support for the United Nations-led peace process culminating in multiparty elections in October. Her visit to South Africa, from January 29 to February 3, will better acquaint her with conditions in the country in preparation for her return in April as the Head of Canada's team of electoral observers.

Mrs. Stewart's visit to South Africa will overlap with the visit of Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren. She will join Mr. MacLaren for calls on President de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and other senior South African leaders on February 1.

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CANADIANS APPOINTED TO ROSTER FOR NAFTA DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PANELS

International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren and Finance Minister Paul Martin today announced the appointment of a roster of Canadians to serve as panelists for the binational dispute settlement mechanisms established under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. This chapter provides for binding binational panel dispute settlement in antidumping and countervailing duty cases.

The roster is attached.

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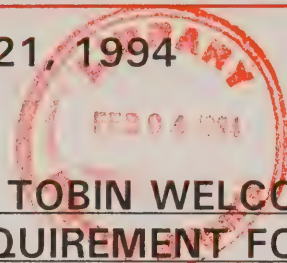
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MACLAREN AND TOBIN WELCOME CHANGE IN FRANCE'S LABELLING REQUIREMENT FOR CANADIAN SCALLOPS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Brian Tobin, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, welcomed France's latest decision concerning the labelling of Canadian scallops being sold in France.

The French government will allow Canadian shucked scallops to be marketed in France as "noix de Saint-Jacques" (*Placopecten magellanicus*) instead of "noix de pétoncles" until December 31, 1995. The designation "noix de pétoncles" has an inferior image in France and draws a lower price.

The French decision announced last week comes after numerous bilateral discussions as well as consultations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade dispute settlement process.

"We welcome the French decision, which will ensure that our exporters of scallops will not suffer from lower prices in the French market," Mr. MacLaren said. "But we will continue to press the French government to make this designation permanent."

"We have been consulting with Canadian industry on a regular basis and agree that the term 'noix de Saint-Jacques' is acceptable but that 'noix de pétoncles' is not," Mr. Tobin said. "I am determined to ensure that our hard-pressed Atlantic fishing industry will not suffer from unjustified trade barriers after 1995," he added.

Since 1945 Canadian shucked scallops had been sold in the French market as "noix de coquilles Saint-Jacques" or "noix de Saint-Jacques." In March 1993 France issued a decree requiring Canadian shucked scallops to be labelled as "noix de pétoncles." Scallops sold under this designation have a market price 20-25 percent lower than either "noix de coquilles Saint-Jacques" or "noix de Saint-Jacques." This change in labelling requirement seriously affected Canadian scallop exports to France from Atlantic Canada, currently worth more than \$13 million annually.

"If bilateral consultations are not successful in changing the labelling requirement, Canada retains the option to request a dispute settlement panel under Article XXIII:1," Mr. MacLaren stated.

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OUELLET DEPLORES DISTURBANCES IN LESOTHO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today underscored Canada's support for the democratically elected government of Lesotho, and expressed concern over the breakdown of military discipline in the country.

"The violent actions of a small group of soldiers should not be allowed to place Lesotho's recent return to democracy at risk. Canada supports the efforts of the Lesotho government to bring this crisis to a peaceful end," Mr. Ouellet said.

Lesotho's capital, Maseru, has been disrupted by skirmishes between rival units of the Royal Lesotho Defence Force. The fighting erupted on January 15 after the government rejected demands for a 100-percent pay increase for the army. The mutinous troops have set January 24 as the deadline for meeting their demands.

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OUELLET CALLS ON ALL COUNTRIES TO IMPOSE TOTAL AND UNIVERSAL SANCTIONS ON HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called on all countries to follow Canada's example and impose sanctions recommended by the Organization of American States (OAS), to make the embargo on Haiti total and universal. He also urged the international community to provide generous humanitarian assistance for Haiti's needy.

At a bilateral meeting with Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide this morning, the Minister reaffirmed that Canada will pursue vigorously the restoration of democracy in Haiti, to ensure the President's safe return and the establishment of the rule of law.

The Minister and President Aristide discussed what concrete measures could be taken to ensure the implementation of the Governors Island Agreement. They agreed to examine, in consultation with the UN and other countries, the possibility of training a civilian police force outside Haiti. Mr. Ouellet also promised to consider, with the UN and the OAS, increasing the number of radio broadcasts in support of the democratic forces in Haiti.

In his meeting with President Aristide, Mr. Ouellet announced an additional \$10.8 million in food aid and assistance to health and democratic development.

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CANADIAN NAMED TO SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Jean-Pierre Kingsley, today announced that the Transitional Executive Council of South Africa has chosen Ron Gould of Elections Canada to be one of five international members of South Africa's Independent Electoral Commission.

"Mr. Gould's appointment is an honour that reflects well on Canada and further illustrates our commitment to the democratic evolution of South Africa. Canada recently announced the allocation of \$2.5 million to support voter education programs, preparations for the election, and election monitors and observers. Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit South Africa later this week to discuss election plans with South African leaders," said Mr. Ouellet.

"The selection of Mr. Gould underscores the high regard in which Canadian electoral administration is held internationally. It is also a tribute to Mr. Gould's knowledge and effectiveness, demonstrated during the course of several visits to South Africa," said Mr. Kingsley.

Mr. Gould, currently Canada's Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, will be travelling to South Africa on a regular basis until after the April 27 election. Mr. Gould has frequently participated in Canadian international electoral missions.

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MACLAREN WELCOMES FTA INJURY PANEL DECISION ON SOFTWOOD LUMBER

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, noted with satisfaction today's ruling of a Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) binational panel that Canadian softwood lumber imports do not cause injury to the U.S. domestic industry.

The Panel upheld its July 26, 1993, ruling and rejected the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) determination of October 18, 1993, that there was evidence of injury to the U.S. industry.

"This is a welcome and important development in this long and costly dispute," Mr. MacLaren said. "Two FTA panels have now upheld their earlier rulings that Canadian programs do not confer countervailable subsidies and that Canadian softwood lumber imports do not injure the U.S. domestic industry."

The Panel concluded that there was no basis for a material injury determination. However, the Panel has provided the ITC with a limited opportunity to review one element of its previous decision. The ITC has 45 days, or until March 14, to respond to the Panel.

The current cash deposit rate of 6.51 percent remains in effect for Canadian softwood lumber exports to the United States. Canadian 1993 softwood lumber exports to the United States are expected to total approximately \$6 billion.

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MacLAREN ENCOURAGES EFFORTS TO BOOST CANADIAN EDUCATION EXPORTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, said today that Canada must step up efforts to promote its high-quality educational products and services in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr. MacLaren was responding to a study released today by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade that highlighted the important political and economic benefits generated by international students in this country. This includes an estimated \$1.5-billion-a-year contribution to the Canadian economy, accounting for 19 000 jobs for Canadians.

He expressed concern over recent trends identified in the study that show Canada losing ground to countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, which are making major marketing efforts to attract well-qualified students from Asian countries.

"We must heed the wake-up call," said Mr. MacLaren. "International education represents a vital opportunity for Canada to become better known to the next generation of Asian decision-makers. The economies of the region are the fastest growing in the world. Canada's economic growth and competitiveness increasingly will be linked to this region."

In this context, Mr. MacLaren also announced that his department will sponsor a conference on Canadian education and the Asia-Pacific region in Vancouver from March 9 to 11. Canadian Education and the Asia-Pacific Region: A Vision for the Future will invite representatives of federal and provincial governments, academic institutions, education associations and non-government organizations to develop a five-year strategy for marketing educational products and services in the Asia-Pacific region.

Copies of the education marketing study, *International Education: The Asia Pacific Region and Canada*, can be obtained by calling

InfoEx at 1-800-267-8376 or, in the National Capital region, at 944-4000.

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CANADA TO ASSIST UKRAINIAN ELECTIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a technical assistance package to help Ukraine organize and conduct its first democratic parliamentary elections, March 27. The \$2.5-million Canadian initiative is the largest and most comprehensive among international donors.

"These first-ever multiparty elections in Ukraine are of particular interest to Canada since so many Canadians have family and historical ties to the region. We welcome this clear move toward a democratic, pluralist political system and we are committed to helping Ukrainians ensure that this vote is conducted fairly and openly," Mr. Ouellet said.

In response to a Ukrainian request, Canada is supplying 445 tonnes of specialized paper with security features, which will be used to print ballots in Ukraine. An Antonov aircraft will arrive today at Montreal's Mirabel Airport to take delivery of the third and last shipment of Canadian paper. Canada is also working closely with the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) in Ukraine, providing technical support, training and a team of election observers. A Canadian elections expert is currently in Kiev to advise the CEC over a three-month period.

One problem facing Ukrainian election organizers is the electorate's lack of experience with multiparty elections. Canada will help finance the printing and distribution of the new elections law, as well as a citizen's guide to the law and a guide to campaign organization. Representatives from Elections Canada will train members of the Central Electoral Commission on the importance of public participation and getting out the vote.

Canadians will also train both state and independent Ukrainian media on their roles, rights and responsibilities during the election campaign.

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CANADIAN ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE IN UKRAINE

Canada's \$2.5-million assistance program is designed to assist Ukraine with the organization and conduct of its first-ever multiparty elections, March 27. The assistance is not designed to influence the outcome of the elections. It is intended to help Ukraine ensure the integrity and transparency of the electoral process and to motivate Ukrainians to vote.

The Canadian assistance package is the largest and most comprehensive among international donors and underscores Canada's commitment to democratic reform in Ukraine. The package has four components:

1) **Technical and Material Assistance for the Electoral Process**
(Elections Canada, CODE International)

At the request of the Ukrainian government, Canada is supplying 445 tonnes of specialized paper to Ukraine's Central Electoral Commission (CEC) to be used in printing ballots. The paper has special security features to prevent fraud and tampering. The paper is being shipped to Kiev for distribution to the local level where the printing and assembly of ballots will occur.

Canada has also provided the CEC with a Canadian elections expert who is providing technical, policy and administrative advice for a three month period. In addition, a "training for trainers" session, offered by officials from Elections Canada, is being organized.

2) **Voter/civic Education**
(Elections Canada, Ukrainian Legal Foundation)

Working with the Ukrainian Legal Foundation, Canada will assist the printing and distribution of the new Elections Law, a Citizens Guide to the Law and a Guide to Campaign Organization. The goal is to counteract voter apathy and lack of knowledge about Ukraine's new electoral law.

Elections Canada officials will conduct a seminar with the CEC on getting out the vote and the importance of public participation.

3) **Training of Media in Elections Coverage**
(Elections Canada, McMaster University/Niagara Institute)

Canada organized a training seminar for the Ukrainian state and independent media on their roles, rights and responsibilities during the election campaign. The seminar, held in Kiev, was also open to representatives from political parties.

A Canadian with expertise in the law and media will provide advice on a short-term basis to the Ukrainian State Television and Radio authority in Kiev.

4) **Elections Monitors and Observers**

A small monitoring team will be deployed to Kiev in early March, and a larger team of elections observers will travel to Ukraine 10 days before the vote, to witness the final days of the campaign and the balloting itself. The report of the delegation, along with technical assessments and the observation of Canada's embassy in Kiev, will form the basis for Canada's official conclusions on the election.



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CANADA WELCOMES UKRAINIAN RATIFICATION OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TREATY (START 1)

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the unconditional ratification by the Ukrainian parliament of the START 1 Treaty and the Lisbon Protocol, which commits Ukraine to acceding to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a non-nuclear weapons state.

"The government and parliament of Ukraine have acted courageously in the spirit of the tripartite agreement recently signed with the United States and Russia. They have recognized that denuclearization is the best way to ensure Ukraine's security and promote stability in the region. We expect that Ukraine will now move quickly to implement START 1 and accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet noted that he will discuss this issue and the prospects for increased Canada-Ukraine co-operation when he visits Ukraine in the near future. Canada has an extensive program of technical assistance in Ukraine and early NPT accession will open the door to full co-operation in the nuclear field, particularly in the area of safety.

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QUELLET OUTRAGED BY SARAJEVO ATROCITY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today expressed Canada's shock and outrage at the deliberate killing and wounding of hundreds of innocent civilians in Sarajevo, Saturday.

"This latest atrocity underscores the urgent need for concerted international action to prevent further violence against the innocent civilian population of Sarajevo. I emphasized this in conversations today with U.S. Secretary of State Christopher and British Foreign Secretary Hurd." Mr. Ouellet said.

In light of this tragic event, Canada will be consulting with the UN Secretary-General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, and other United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) contributors, on what measures are required. A delegation of senior Canadian officials now in Europe is reporting to Mr. Ouellet on its discussions.

Canada is consulting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the humanitarian effort, and is ready to assist, if necessary, in evacuating the wounded from Sarajevo.

Canada believes that only a negotiated settlement can bring lasting peace to the region, and is urging the warring parties to make all necessary compromises at talks in Geneva, which should resume February 10.

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CANADA SUPPORTS NATO DECISION AND WELCOMES CEASE-FIRE IN SARAJEVO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada joined its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies in the decision to support the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's request to respond to further artillery attacks on Sarajevo.

He also welcomed the UN announcement of a cease-fire, which calls for heavy weaponry in the Sarajevo area to be withdrawn or placed under UN supervision.

"We are pleased that a cease-fire has been reached. I hope this agreement means that there will be no need for air strikes," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister said that Canada worked closely with other NATO countries to ensure that a positive response to the Secretary-General's request would contribute to preventing further Sarajevo tragedies. Canada's objective was also to ensure that the NATO decision supported the Geneva peace talks, the delivery of humanitarian aid, and the safety of UN personnel and other humanitarian workers in Bosnia.

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OUELLET COMMENTS ON THE PASSING OF ARNOLD SMITH

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today expressed sadness at the death of Canadian diplomat and statesman Arnold Smith.

"Arnold Smith was a credit to Canada and our foreign service during a distinguished career that spanned four decades. He did much to advance the ideal of a community of nations. The Commonwealth in particular is indebted to him for his inspired leadership as its first Secretary-General. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I extend heartfelt condolences to his family," said Mr. Ouellet.

Arnold Cantwell Smith attended the University of Toronto before winning a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University. He joined the Canadian foreign service in 1943, and served in a number of positions in Ottawa and abroad. He was Ambassador to the United Arab Republic from 1958 to 61, and Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1961 to 63. In 1965, Mr. Smith was chosen Secretary-General of the newly created Commonwealth Secretariat. He served two consecutive five-year terms in this capacity, and was instrumental in making the Commonwealth a leader of international opinion. In his own words, he envisaged the Commonwealth as "an instrument of great potential use in the development of habits of consultation and co-operation that [would] transcend the limits of race, religion and economic level."

In later years, Mr. Smith taught international relations at Carleton University. He was named a Companion of Honour, and was also appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Smith died in Toronto on February 7 at the age of 79.

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VISIT OF KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Korean foreign minister, Dr. Han Sung-Joo, will make an official visit to Ottawa February 13 to 16.

"Canada and Korea are natural allies in the Asia-Pacific region. As middle powers, we both have complementary foreign policy interests and much to contribute to prosperity and stability in the region," said Mr. Ouellet.

Dr. Han will also meet with the Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Minister for International Trade. Among the issues to be discussed are security in the North Pacific, nuclear non-proliferation, the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations and the Governor General's upcoming visit to the region.

Dr. Han will also lay a wreath at the National War Memorial to honour Canadian troops who fought as part of the United Nations forces during the Korean War.

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VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, will visit Ottawa February 17 and 18.

"Denmark and Canada have a long history of cordial relations, stemming from our membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and shared experiences in United Nations peacekeeping. My discussions with Mr. Petersen will focus on the situation in the former Yugoslavia, where Denmark also has peacekeeping forces," said Mr. Ouellet.

Other issues to be discussed during Mr. Petersen's visit include General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) implementation, the situation in the Baltic republics, the Middle East peace agreement and Arctic co-operation.

Mr. Petersen will place a floral tribute at the Peacekeeping Monument to honour the many Canadians who have served in United Nations peacekeeping missions.

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MACLAREN REPORTS ON HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TRADE MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today reported on the success of his trade mission to South Africa during a keynote address to a South Africa Business Forum organized by the Canadian Exporters' Association in Toronto.

While in South Africa, the Minister met with senior government and African National Congress officials, including state president F.W. de Klerk and prominent members of the South African business community.

Mr. MacLaren's January 30 to February 4 mission marked the first visit by a Canadian trade minister to South Africa in 30 years. He was accompanied by senior representatives from Canadian companies and banks, as well as the President of the Black Business Professional Association in Canada.

"More than ever we are enthusiastic about the prospects in South Africa," the Minister said. "We return with an order book much larger than anticipated and a conviction that the future offers new markets for Canadian goods and services," he added.

Mr. MacLaren highlighted the return to trade normalization between Canada and South Africa by officially opening a new Canadian Trade Office in Johannesburg. He also announced several significant business opportunities that came about during the mission (see attached).

"These initiatives should encourage other Canadian exporters to seriously consider the South African market, as well as the larger market of the sub-Saharan region," the Minister said.

In demonstration of the new "Team Canada" approach to international trade promotion, Mr. MacLaren was also accompanied during the mission by Ontario minister without portfolio, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Richard Allen.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Signing by the Export Development Corporation (EDC) of a US\$60-million line of credit with South Africa's Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), to support Canadian suppliers of the aluminum smelting project ALUSAF, managed by SNC Lavalin.
- Signing by the EDC of further lines of credit totalling US\$40 million with four major South African banks (Standard Bank, First National Bank, Nedbank and the ABBSA banking group) to support increased procurement of Canadian goods and services.
- Announcement by Newbridge Microsystems, a division of Newbridge Electronics, of a joint-venture agreement with a well-established South African electronics group, Centera, for the worldwide development and marketing of new product lines.
- Signing by SR Telecom Inc. of St-Laurent, Quebec, of a major contract with Telkom SA for the supply and installation of six major systems of SR500 rural subscriber systems. These systems will initially be used to relay the April election results from 300 polling stations situated throughout the Transvaal region. After the elections, these systems will be used to provide, for the first time, regular telephone and data services to the same 300 communities.

The value of the contract is estimated at \$8.5 million. In support of this contract, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), through its Industrial Co-operation Program, will provide the funding for the training component of the project. SR Telecom also intends to use South Africa as a base for selling its products to sub-Saharan Africa.

- Signing by Western Star Trucks of Kelowna, British Columbia, of an agreement for the supply of 12 vehicles valued at US\$1.25 million to a major South African transport company with significant transborder traffic with neighbouring Zambia.
- Continuation of talks between Bombardier Regional Aircraft Division and its South African client regarding other business opportunities. Bombardier has recently announced the sale to South Africa of 12 DASH-8 aircraft built by de Havilland.
- Other members of the mission, including Agra Industries, Spar Aerospace and CAE Electronics, had substantive discussions with potential South African partners, which could lead to long-term business relations.



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MACLAREN LAUNCHES COMPETITION FOR 12th ANNUAL CANADA EXPORT AWARDS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today launched the 1994 Canada Export Awards competition.

The Awards are presented annually by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to a select number of Canadian companies in recognition of their success in exporting to foreign markets.

"As one of the countries most dependent on trade, Canada wants to encourage more and more of our companies to export successfully, thereby contributing to job creation and to our high standard of living," Mr. MacLaren said.

Canadian exports (on a balance-of-payment basis) for the first 11 months of 1993 reached a record \$165 billion, representing a near 16-percent increase over the same period in 1992. The increases to the United States -- Canada's largest market -- were even greater, with exports reaching close to \$132.5 billion, up almost \$23 billion or 20.6 percent over the first 11 months of 1992.

"This record-setting performance demonstrates that Canadian exporters can indeed compete with the best in the world," the Minister said. "Now that the North American Free Trade Agreement is opening new markets to the south, and with the historic signing of the Uruguay Round set to liberalize trade worldwide, I am confident our exporters are poised to reach even further heights."

To be eligible for the Canada Export Awards, companies must reside in Canada and have been exporting actively for at least three years. Winners are selected by a panel of business leaders and successful exporters from across Canada (see list attached).

The Awards, now in their 12th year, will be presented by the Minister for International Trade on October 4 in Toronto, in

conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service, the 50th anniversary celebration of the Export Development Corporation and the annual convention of the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Applications for the 1994 Canada Export Awards must be received by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade no later than May 15, 1994. To obtain an application form or for further details, contact the Department's InfoEx at 1-800-267-8376 (toll-free) or 944-4000 (in Ottawa), or by facsimile (613) 996-9709.

A backgrounder is attached.

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Background

The Canada Export Award, presented by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, is widely regarded by the business community as a symbol of success in the highly competitive world of export trade.

Applications to the Canada Export Award program are open to all firms or divisions of firms resident in Canada that have been exporting goods and/or services for a minimum of three years. Trading houses, financial institutions, transportation, market research, packaging and promotion firms are also eligible.

Applications for the Awards are reviewed by a selection committee of Canadian business leaders from across Canada. In selecting the winners, the committee considers a company's performance in:

- introducing new products and services into world markets;
- significantly increasing export sales;
- holding markets in the face of strong competition;
- attaining a high level of Canadian content; and
- achieving a high ratio of export sales to total sales.

1994 Canada Export Awards Selection Committee Members

Gail Bocknek, Vice-President, Bocknek Ltd. (Rexdale, Ontario);
Mark Drake, President, Canadian Exporters' Association (Ottawa, Ontario);
Patricia Glenn, President, Intecura Consulting Inc. (Calgary, Alberta);
Garth Jenkins, President, Abegweit Seafoods Inc. (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island);
Jean-Marc Leblond, Vice-President, Sales, LAB Chrysotile, Inc. (Thetford Mines, Quebec);
David Robbie, Vice-President, Trade Finance Division, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (Toronto, Ontario); and
Brian Schumacher, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Business Development Branch and Chief Trade Commissioner, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Ottawa, Ontario).

Firms receiving the Award can use the Canada Export Award logo on letterhead, advertisements and other promotional material for three years. National and local publicity and promotion campaigns also support the presentation of the Award.

Winning companies report that the recognition they have received from the Award has been an important marketing tool, raising the companies' profile at home, attracting new foreign customers, and giving a real boost to employee morale. The Canada Export Award logo, coupled with the company's name, identifies the firm as an

outstanding export achiever and serves to remind all Canadians of the importance of trade, particularly exports, to the country's economic well-being.

Winning firms are featured in nation-wide promotions recognizing their success and encouraging others to emulate their performance as exporters. Since the program's inception in 1983, 148 successful exporters, selected from over 2000 applications, have received Canada Export Awards.

1993 Canada Export Award Winners (listed alphabetically)

Hall & Stavert Ltd., Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
 Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd., Bolton, Ontario
 I.P. Constructors Ltd., Calgary, Alberta
 Merfin Hygienic Products Ltd., Delta, British Columbia
 Newbridge Networks Corporation, Kanata, Ontario
 PROCECO Industrial Machinery Ltd., Montréal, Quebec
 Rescan Consultants Inc., Vancouver, British Columbia
 Ritvik Toys Inc., Dorval, Quebec
 Sandylion Sticker Designs, Markham, Ontario
 The Training Group Inc. (TTG), Edmonton, Alberta

Facts and Figures

A survey of the 11-year period of 1983 to 1993 showed that of the total number of Canada Export Award winners:

- 25 percent went to small companies (under 100 employees);
- 37 percent went to large companies (1000 or more); and
- 38 percent went to medium-sized companies.

In terms of total sales:

- 43 percent had sales of \$50 million or more;
- 7 percent had sales of less than \$5 million; and
- 50 percent had sales between \$5 million and \$50 million.



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OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY MR. OUELLET

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and with key members of Congress in Washington, February 24 and 25.

"I intend to take advantage of my first official visit to Washington to outline the approach we intend to follow in our bilateral relations, one based on close co-operation where our interests coincide, and mutual respect where our opinions differ," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister added that Canada and the United States face enormous challenges: domestically, to create jobs and promote economic growth; internationally, to cope with an unstable and rapidly changing world.

During his visit to Washington, Mr. Ouellet will have a working luncheon with Mr. Christopher, at which time the two will discuss major bilateral and global issues, in particular Bosnia and Haiti, aid for Ukraine, and United Nations reform.

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CANADA URGES ALL PARTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called on all political parties in South Africa to work constructively toward peaceful democratic change.

"Canada urges all parties in South Africa to participate in the elections, and to ensure that all South Africans have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights freely and peacefully. Political leaders must understand that the promotion of a particular interest or point of view is best undertaken from within the electoral process," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet, who chairs the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, stressed that a peaceful democratic transition is important for the whole Southern Africa region. He expressed concern at reports that some political parties plan to boycott and disrupt the upcoming elections. Canada believes the April elections are the first step in building post-apartheid South Africa, and will continue to support South Africans' efforts to develop a more equitable and stable society.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES DELEGATION TO CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

A delegation of ministers led by Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will travel to Mexico City for wide-ranging consultations March 1 with Mexican counterparts in the annual Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC). The JMC meetings began in 1971 and have been held annually in recent years, alternating between the two countries.

"These meetings provide a means of regular, in-depth contact between ministers of both countries across a broad spectrum of mutual interests," said Mr. Ouellet.

"As our relationship with Mexico has grown -- be it on trade, joint hemispheric interests, agricultural or environmental co-operation, human rights or the strengthening of democracy -- these sessions have become increasingly important to both Canada and Mexico. With the NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] having just taken effect, the meeting is a timely opportunity to review and encourage our growing links."

The wide range of interests for discussion is reflected in the Canadian delegation attending the JMC. In addition to Mr. Ouellet, the delegation will consist of: Sheila Copps, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment; Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food; Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade; and Doug Young, Minister of Transport.

Mr. Ouellet noted that among the topics expected to be discussed in Mexico City are bilateral issues and regional trade, transport relations, environmental co-operation, the export of natural resources and related technology, human rights including the Chiapas situation, and Mexico's economic and political reforms. He added that the meeting will assist Canada in pursuing its goal of expanding exports to Mexico under the NAFTA.

During the JMC, ministers will greet a mission of new Canadian exporters on their first visit to Mexico. The JMC also coincides with an exhibition at the embassy of Canadian food products currently being sold in Mexico.

Mr. Ouellet also will celebrate 50 years of Canadian-Mexican diplomatic relations by unveiling a plaque in the embassy dedicated to Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, the first Canadian ambassador to Mexico.

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CANADIAN TROOPS TO SERVE AS TRAINERS FOR THE CAMBODIA MINE ACTION CENTRE



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of National Defence David Collenette today announced that Canada will send 12 Canadian Forces personnel to Cambodia to provide training and administrative support to the Cambodia Mine Action Centre (CMAC). The personnel will be provided through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), which is co-ordinating international support for demining operations in Cambodia. The Canadians will constitute half of the 25-member international technical advisory group to the CMAC.

"Cambodia has the worst problem of uncleared landmines in the world. Agriculture is impossible because of mines littered in farmland. Trade is being strangled by mined roads. I'm proud of this Canadian effort to train Cambodians so that they can overcome this most serious obstacle to the country's development," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canadians should be proud of the assistance our military personnel have provided to the people of Afghanistan, Kuwait, and now Cambodia in mine recognition and disposal. Our contribution to this critical endeavour will help the Cambodian people return to a more normal way of life," said Mr. Collenette.

The CMAC is a Cambodian government agency that trains demining personnel, co-ordinates demining operations, and provides mine awareness education for the public. For nearly two years, Canadian military personnel have been key players in the CMAC operation, with the commander of the Canadian contingent to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) serving as Assistant Director of the CMAC.

Approximately 215 Canadian military personnel participated in UNTAC from March 1992 to November 1993. In addition to serving in transportation, observation, and headquarters roles, Canadian Forces personnel supported the CMAC as an extension of UNTAC's engineering planning cell. After the end of UNTAC's mandate in November, two Canadian Forces personnel continued to work with the CMAC, preparatory to the deployment of the UNDP mission.

The 12 Canadians will serve in Cambodia for up to two years.

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CO-CHAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR NATIONAL FORUM ON CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

University of Toronto professor Janice Gross Stein and Montréal business executive Pierre S. Pettigrew will act as co-chairpersons of the first annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations to be held March 21-22, 1994, at the Government's Conference Centre in Ottawa.

The announcement was made today by Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, Defence Minister David Collenette, and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren.

The purpose of the Forum, which was promised prior to the 1993 Election, is to provide an opportunity for Canadians to consider the implications of the rapidly changing international and domestic environments as they affect foreign affairs, and to offer views on the impact these changes should have on Canada's policy priorities. Some 120 people from a number of backgrounds and with involvement in business, labour, academic, non-governmental organizations, Aboriginal affairs and the media are expected to participate in this first Forum. They have been invited in a personal capacity on the basis of their knowledge and experience.

The National Forum, which will be held annually, is an important dimension of the foreign policy review process initiated by the Government. Other aspects of the ongoing review include public hearings by parliamentary committees, as well as a variety of other consultations with the Canadian public and groups interested in international relations.

Professor Gross Stein, who teaches international relations at the University of Toronto, and Mr. Pettigrew, who is Vice-President of Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche International, will preside over discussion of the full range of Canada's international roles and responsibilities.

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Background

PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY

The Government is committed to opening up the process of foreign policy-making as a response to an increased desire by Canadians to be involved in public affairs. To give effect to this commitment, the Government will have annual consultations on Canada's international relations. The purpose of this process is to ensure that policy formulation receives public input and that implementation of Canada's foreign policy is subject to ongoing assessment in an era of constant change in the international environment. Consultation will continue in 1995 and be an integral part of the Government's approach to the management of foreign policy in the future.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The 1994 process has four components.

- 1) The parliamentary process -- which includes debates in the House of Commons on defence and foreign policy issues -- will examine broad areas of policy that may need public debate and will recommend directions and priorities to the Government. Parliamentary committees (one on defence policy and one on foreign policy including international assistance) will start their work in the spring and will submit their report to Parliament in the autumn.
- 2) The National Forum on Canada's International Relations, which will be held annually, will be co-sponsored by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Defence and the Minister for International Trade. The Forum will provide the occasion to reflect on the main changes in the international environment and to draw conclusions about the strategic approaches that these changes require Canada to pursue in order to succeed. Forum participants will be asked to identify areas of Canada's international relations where there is a consensus on maintaining existing directions, as well as those where there may be a need for change. The conclusions of the Forum will serve as advice to ministers and to the committees that will conduct parliamentary reviews of foreign and defence policies.
- 3) Other ad hoc forums of consultation will also be conducted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and secretaries of state Christine Stewart and Raymond Chan.
- 4) A first annual statement of the Government's foreign policy directions, and in this instance covering the international assistance framework, will be presented in the House of Commons by the end of 1994 or early 1995.



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CANADA TAKES PART IN TRINATIONAL CREATIVE ARTISTS' RESIDENCIES PROGRAM

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced in Washington the creation of the Canada/United States/Mexico Creative Artists' Residencies Program. Mr. Ouellet made the announcement following a meeting with Jane Alexander, Chairman of the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts, and Rafael Tovar, President of Mexico's National Council for Culture and the Arts.

"We believe the program will enhance international exposure for our artists," said Mr. Ouellet. "It will increase the visibility and creative opportunities of Canadian artists in the United States and Mexico, which will benefit our respective countries and reinforce Canada's distinct identity."

The two-month residencies are designed to enable Canadian artists to develop close links with colleagues and audiences in the United States and Mexico. The residencies program will also benefit Canadian artists and arts organizations by making American and Mexican artists available to them. Each year, the program will involve approximately 60 artists, 20 from each country. The first Canadian residencies will take place in 1995.

The Canada Council will administer Canadian participation in this program on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

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For program information and application forms, contact:

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SECRETARY OF STATE CHAN TO VISIT CAMBODIA, BANGLADESH AND JAPAN



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will undertake an official visit to Cambodia, Bangladesh and Japan March 4 to 12.

"Bangladesh and Cambodia face enormous development problems, but we are encouraged by recent successes in both countries. Canada remains committed to supporting democratic and economic development in the region. This visit to Bangladesh is the highest level Canadian visit to the country since 1987 and demonstrates the importance of our relations with Bangladesh," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada is one of the major contributors to development assistance in Bangladesh and has played a very active role in Cambodia. A Canadian contingent participated in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, for example, and Canadians are currently assisting in critical demining activities. Canadians can be proud of our role," said Mr. Chan.

Mr. Chan will visit Cambodia March 4 and 5 before leading the Canadian delegation to the second meeting of the International Committee on the Reconstruction of Cambodia (ICORC) in Tokyo March 10 and 11.

In Bangladesh March 6 to 9, Mr. Chan will meet with the Bangladeshi Foreign Minister, the Minister for State Planning, and representatives of international and domestic development and refugee organizations, as well as review Canadian aid projects and mark International Women's Day.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES POSITIVE RESULTS OF CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

At the close of the annual Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee meeting, Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today reported that the meeting provided the opportunity to reconfirm the new vigour that Canada accords to its relationship with Mexico. Furthermore, the Joint Ministerial Committee meeting has given the Canadian delegation a forum for consultations on a number of key issues important to both countries.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Manuel Tello and Mr. Ouellet reviewed foreign policy issues, including the strengthening of democracy and the protection of human rights in Latin America. Haiti and Cuba were accorded particular attention. The two foreign ministers agreed to reinforce co-operation between Canada and Mexico at both the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS) and to support the candidacy of Colombian President Cesar Gaviria as Secretary General of the OAS. The ministers agreed to co-operate closely on disarmament issues, including the ending of all nuclear tests and achieving an indefinite extension of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

During the Joint Ministerial Committee meeting, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment Sheila Copps pledged enhanced consultations and co-operation between Canada and Mexico on priority environmental matters: reducing air pollution and toxic waste, and protecting forests, water, wildlife and endangered species. Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren reviewed progress on the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and during his visit provided support to a number of current business opportunities for Canadian companies in Mexico. Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food Ralph Goodale reviewed efforts to strengthen agricultural co-operation and to increase Canadian agricultural exports to Mexico. Minister of Transport Douglas Young signed three Memoranda of Understanding on transportation: "Access by Tractor Trucks and Semi-Trailers to Their Territories," "Recognition and Validity of Licencias Federal de Conductor" and "Commercial Drivers Licences and Technical Co-operation in Transportation."

Foreign Secretary Tello and Mr. Ouellet held extensive discussions on the question of Chiapas, and Mr. Ouellet met separately with Mr. Jorge Madrazo, President of the Mexican National Human Rights Commission. Mr. Madrazo has been invited to visit Canada. Secretary Tello outlined the actions undertaken by the Mexican government to date, and Mr. Ouellet indicated the desire of Canadians for a peaceful solution that addresses the fundamental underlying causes of the conflict. Secretary Tello confirmed the determination of Mexican authorities to reach a negotiated solution with the indigenous peoples of Chiapas and to thoroughly investigate all allegations of human rights abuses.

At the Joint Ministerial Committee meeting, the ministers also concluded that:

- a strong and concerted effort is under way to enhance Canadian exports to Mexico; and
- cultural and academic activities and exchanges between the two countries should be given a high priority.

Mr. Ouellet also announced that the next meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee will be held in Canada in 1995.

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CANADIAN JUDGES APPOINTED FOR NAFTA EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE COMMITTEES



International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren today announced the appointment of a roster of five judges from which members will be selected to serve on extraordinary challenge committees established under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The NAFTA extraordinary challenge procedure is the final stage of dispute settlement and is reserved only for extraordinary circumstances, following rulings by panels established under Chapter 19 of the NAFTA.

The procedure may be used if:

- i) a member of a panel was guilty of gross misconduct, bias, or a serious conflict of interest, or otherwise materially violated the rules of conduct;
- ii) a panel seriously departed from a fundamental rule of procedure; or
- iii) a panel manifestly exceeded its powers, authority or jurisdiction, set out in the Agreement, and

these alleged actions materially affected the panel's decision and threatened the integrity of the binational review process. Decisions by extraordinary challenge committees are binding on governments.

The roster is attached.

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ROSTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE COMMITTEES

Colas, Réjane L., supernumerary Justice, Superior Court of Quebec, Montréal, Quebec

Dickson, R.G. Brian, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

Estey, Willard Z., former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Toronto, Ontario

Hart, Gordon L.S., supernumerary Justice, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Proudfoot, Patricia M., supernumerary Justice, Court of Appeal, British Columbia and Yukon, Vancouver, British Columbia



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MACLAREN WELCOMES MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ALUMINUM

Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren today expressed satisfaction that a multilateral understanding concerning the problems of the international aluminum market was reached in Ottawa on March 1, 1994.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU), which was accepted in principle following a meeting in Brussels last January, was finalized in Ottawa yesterday after negotiations by officials representing Canada, Russia, Australia, the European Union, Norway and the United States.

"This MOU is intended to facilitate a return to normal market conditions and it is in the interest of the Canadian aluminum industry," Mr. MacLaren said.

The agreement is in response to depressed prices in the international aluminum market due to surplus production. Russia has been selling large quantities of aluminum in world markets since the demise of the Soviet Union and the collapse of its domestic markets.

The MOU notes Russia's commitment to cut production of aluminum over the next several months by 500 000 tonnes.

"This agreement complies with Canada's and other countries' competition laws," the Minister said. "Any additional production cutbacks by Western producers will be independent, market-based decisions by individual companies. The Canadian government is not making any recommendation or suggestion to its industry or to any firm about production levels."

As part of the agreement, Canada and other countries have offered to co-operate with Russia in the restructuring and modernization of its industry.

"The resource economies of Russia and Canada share many of the same interests and concerns," the Minister said. "I congratulate

Russia for its commitment under this agreement and offer assurances that Canada will honour its offer for co-operation in the conversion and modernization of the Russian aluminum industry."

The participants at yesterday's meeting also agreed to establish a working group to improve transparency and consider measures to exchange data on a timely basis.

The six governments will meet again in Brussels on April 21 in order to review developments in the global market situation on the basis of the most recent information available.

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CANADA WELCOMES ESTABLISHMENT OF UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomes today's decision by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to appoint a Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.

"The appointment of a Special Rapporteur represents a strong commitment by United Nations member countries to work toward eliminating violence against women, one of the most serious and widespread forms of human rights violations. I am particularly pleased with Canada's leading role in the initiative that led to this decision," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister also noted that progress on women's rights, including the right to be free from violence, is central to overall progress on human rights, and that the decision comes just days before the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8.

The creation of the important position of Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women was a key element of a Canadian-initiated resolution calling for greater integration of the rights of women into UN human rights mechanisms. It also follows closely on another Canadian initiative that led to the December 1993 adoption by the General Assembly of the UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The Special Rapporteur will recommend measures at both the domestic and international levels to eliminate violence against women. These recommendations will be based on information the Special Rapporteur will gather from governments, UN specialized agencies, and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations including women's groups. The Special Rapporteur will report annually to the Commission on Human Rights, beginning in 1995.

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CANADIANS TO SERVE AS UN ELECTORAL OBSERVERS IN EL SALVADOR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that six Canadians will serve as civilian observers during the national elections in El Salvador scheduled for March 20, 1994.

"These elections are extremely important for El Salvador. Salvadorans have suffered through twelve years of violence and civil war. Canada has supported the peace process since it began, and we are pleased to now be helping in the electoral process. We hope that these elections will lead to a new era of peace and democracy," said Mr. Ouellet.

Salvadorans will be voting for a new President and National Assembly, municipal districts officials, and their representatives to the Central American Parliament. The Canadian observers are being sent in response to a request from the United Nations, which is monitoring implementation of the Salvadoran peace accords through its Observer Mission in El Salvador. The UN will field up to 1100 observers across El Salvador on election day.

In the past two years the Canadian International Development Agency has contributed over \$687 000 to Salvadoran institutions and non-governmental organizations promoting electoral awareness, as well as to the United Nations Development Program for electoral training and equipment.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT-ELECT EDUARDO FREI RUIZ-TAGLE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will travel to Chile to attend inauguration ceremonies for President-elect Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle on March 11.

"Mrs. Stewart's presence underscores Canada's growing political, economic and trade relations with Chile," Mr. Ouellet said.

"Mr. Frei's inauguration symbolizes Chile's democracy in action and the principles Canada encourages throughout the Hemisphere," said Mrs. Stewart.

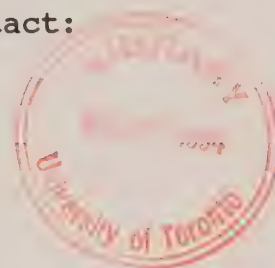
During her visit, Secretary of State Stewart will meet with incoming Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Figueroa Serrano; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Gert Rosenthal; and with representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Mrs. Stewart will return to Ottawa on March 12.

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MACLAREN CRITICIZES LATEST U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION SOFTWOOD LUMBER DECISION

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today criticized the latest U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) determination that imports of softwood lumber from Canada were causing material injury to the U.S. lumber industry.

"We see absolutely no basis for this decision," Mr. MacLaren stated. "A binational review panel has already ruled twice against a finding of injury by the ITC."

The ITC determination is subject to panel review under the dispute settlement provisions of Chapter 19 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The ITC has until March 14 to file its latest determination with the FTA panel, at which time the reasons for the determination will be made public. The FTA panel will then have up to 90 days to review the ITC's decision.

"In light of the two previous panel rulings that there was no evidence of injury, it is preposterous that the ITC continues to try to justify its original determination," Mr. MacLaren said.

"Led by the Canadian industry, the Canadian parties have mounted a strong defence before the FTA panel. We continue to have confidence in the strength of our case in these proceedings."

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CANADIAN MINISTERS EXCHANGE VIEWS ON JOB CREATION WITH G-7 COUNTERPARTS



Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy, International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren, Industry Minister John Manley and Finance Minister Paul Martin will exchange views with fellow G-7 ministers on how to tackle unemployment and create jobs when they meet at the G-7 Jobs Conference in Detroit March 14 and 15.

The conference will enable ministers from the leading industrial countries to review the performance of their existing job creation programs, draw lessons from the successful programs of others and consider how recent experience in other G-7 countries can be adapted to specific national conditions.

The G-7 Detroit conference precedes the annual meeting of ministers of the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris June 7 to 9 and the G-7 heads of government meeting in Naples July 8 to 10, both of which will further advance international understanding of effective methods to alleviate unemployment.

"The G-7 jobs conference provides a forum where we can explore options and share experiences about our efforts to overcome unemployment," Mr. Axworthy said. "What we learn may prove invaluable as we re-design our social programs to better equip people for today's workplace."

He said participation at the G-7 conference demonstrates a strong commitment on the part of Canada and its partners to tackling the problem of unemployment that confronts them in varying degrees.

Mr. MacLaren noted that the finalization in Marrakesh, Morocco on April 15 of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations will be a major contributor to growing international economic confidence following recent recessions that have afflicted all G-7 partners. "The wealth-generating effects of freer trade, clearer trade rules and the establishment of the World Trade Organization will encourage investment in new jobs. We will work

closely with the private sector to ensure that Canadian business, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), can take advantage of this more open trading environment," Mr. MacLaren said.

Mr. Manley said: "Canada's strategy for economic growth and job creation must focus on fostering innovation and seizing the opportunities of the new, ideas-based economy. We are paying special attention to small business because these firms hold the most potential for job creation." He added that he is looking forward to discussing the infrastructure needed for the new economy, including the "information highway."

Mr. Martin said that the recent federal budget took a balanced approach to controlling government debt and creating jobs. "Restoring fiscal responsibility is an integral part of economic renewal and job creation," he said. "At the same time, the Government's infrastructure program and support for small business, technological innovation and training are helping Canadians to find new jobs and build their futures."

The G-7 ministers will meet United States President Bill Clinton at the beginning of the conference. Mr. Axworthy said he welcomed the attention that the President has devoted to the employment issue, and the conference will be a constructive contribution to further examination of the issue at the G-7 leaders meeting in Naples in July.

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CANADA HAS A STRONG PRESENCE AS PARTNER COUNTRY AT CeBIT '94

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, announces that the Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development), the Honourable Dr. Jon Gerrard, will lead the official Canadian delegation to CeBIT '94 in Hannover, Germany, March 15 to 17. CeBIT is the world's largest information technology (IT) trade fair. It is taking place March 16 to 23, 1994.

"Canada's participation at CeBIT is of particular importance this year because Canada is the designated Partner Country at the fair," Mr. MacLaren said. "CeBIT '94 will give unprecedented exposure to Canadian IT capabilities and potential, and will increase global awareness of Canada's excellence as a trading partner and as a location for international investment and R&D projects. We are fortunate in having Dr. Gerrard represent Canada at the fair, in view of his cabinet portfolio and his background as a learned and internationally respected member of the scientific community."

Canada has been an active participant in CeBIT (which stands for World Centre for Office, Information and Telecommunications) since 1984. This year, Canada's status as Partner Country gives heightened recognition to the extraordinary potential and achievements of Canada's dynamic IT sector. Prime exhibition space will be used by Canadian companies to display their wares and by federal, provincial and other agencies to promote trade, investment and technological co-operation with Canada.

"Canada has a world-class information technology sector," Dr. Gerrard said. "Telecommunications and computer hardware, software and services are all areas in which Canadian innovation has had and continues to have a particularly strong impact. The Government is committed to ensuring that Canada's IT sector continues to grow and thrive. CeBIT '94 presents the perfect opportunity to discover at first hand what Canadian IT has to offer."

Some 100 Canadian IT companies are exhibiting at the fair, and a special display area entitled "Canada Inc." will highlight the

outstanding trade and investment opportunities that Canada offers. The 6th CeBIT International Forum, the theme of which is "Business with Canada," will feature presentations by Canadian industry, government and technical experts on diverse aspects of Canada's powerful and vigorous information economy.

CeBIT '94 is expected to attract some 5700 exhibitors from 45 countries, at least 600 000 visitors, and up to 7000 media representatives.

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U.S. DECISION BRINGS LOWER DUTIES FOR CANADIAN HOG PRODUCERS



Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Ralph Goodale commented today on the United States Department of Commerce (DOC) final ruling in its sixth administrative review of a countervailing duty against Canadian exports of live swine.

While noting their disappointment that the DOC review upheld the countervailability of Canadian programs, the ministers pointed out that today's decision will result in refunds of duty deposits to Canadian hog farmers of approximately \$1.4 million. This is due to the fact that the level of countervailing duty in effect during the 1990-91 period was higher than the final determination announced today by DOC.

The ministers noted that this ruling will also reduce the deposit rate for all new Canadian exports to the United States. Canadian hog exporters have been paying a deposit of 20.1 cents per kilogram or 9.27 cents per pound (approximately \$20 per hog) on these shipments. "The new rate of 2.95 cents per kilogram or 1.34 cents per pound will substantially reduce farmers' costs," Mr. MacLaren said.

Mr. Goodale criticized the length of time that the DOC took to make its final ruling. The decision was announced 18 months later than originally expected. "Canadian farmers should have benefitted from the return of their deposits much earlier," Mr. Goodale said.

Mr. MacLaren said the Canadian government disagrees with the DOC finding on the countervailability of the National Tripartite Stabilization Program for Hogs. He added that the Government of Canada remains committed to defending the interests of Canadian exporters of live swine to the United States in future administrative reviews by the U.S. DOC.

The federal ministers also expressed their disappointment that the DOC decided to impose the same level of duty on sows and

boars (mature hogs) as on market hogs. Before this administrative review these animals were subject to a lower countervailing duty.

All parties to this proceeding have 30 days in which to request a review of the DOC decision by a Chapter 19 dispute settlement panel which would be established under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

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Background

U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

An administrative review may be conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) at least once during each 12-month period beginning on the anniversary date when a countervailing duty (CVD) order was issued. The review process is not automatic and must be requested in writing by an interested party during the anniversary month of the publication of the order. Such reviews are designed to determine the actual amount of subsidization during a particular period, and adjust the CVD accordingly.

An administrative review is essentially a replay of the original investigation, and therefore is an extensive procedure. It involves issuance of questionnaires, presentation of arguments by interested parties and publication of initial and final results of the review.

It also provides a new opportunity for scrutiny into governmental policies affecting the subject merchandise besides those initially investigated. As a result, the DOC may determine that "new" programs are countervailable and amend the order to include a duty that offsets the benefits of these additional programs.

If the deposits collected during the review period are greater than the actual margin found, the DOC will refund the overpayments with interest. If the reverse occurs, the DOC will collect the underpayment with interest.

If, after the completion of a review, the DOC determines that the subsidy margin is below 0.5 percent, then the margin is considered *de minimis* (i.e. too low to act upon) and the DOC waives the duty deposit requirement.

Because the 1985 U.S. countervailing duty on live swine predates the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, Canada has been able to take only the findings from each review period to a Chapter 19 panel, and not the initial decision. Thus, only final determinations in administrative reviews by the U.S. DOC issued after January 1, 1989, may be reviewed by binational North American Free Trade Agreement panels.



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AUDITOR'S REPORT OF CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD DURUM WHEAT SALES TO THE UNITED STATES

Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor today announced the results of the first audit of Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) durum wheat sales to the United States.

On May 11, 1992, the United States requested the establishment of a Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Chapter 18 dispute settlement panel regarding the interpretation of, and Canada's compliance with, Article 701.3 of the FTA with respect to CWB durum wheat sales to the United States. This article requires that the CWB not sell durum wheat to the United States below the acquisition price of the goods, plus any storage, handling or other costs incurred by it with respect to those goods.

The panel ruled on the interpretation of the article, but did not make any finding as to whether Canada was in compliance with it. The panel recommended that annual audits of CWB durum wheat sales to the United States be conducted to determine whether Canada was in compliance.

During the period audited, January 1, 1989 to July 31, 1992, the CWB completed 105 contracts for durum wheat sales to the United States. Of those 105 contracts, 102 were found to be in compliance and three contracts were found not to be in compliance with Article 701.3 of the FTA. On average, the 102 contracts found to be in compliance (totalling 1 028 548 tonnes) exceeded the acquisition price plus storage, handling and other costs, as defined by the panel, by \$28.72 per tonne. The three contracts (totalling 13 985 tonnes) found to be in violation occurred during the January 1, 1989 to July 31, 1989 period, and were an average of \$5.82 per tonne below the level calculated in accordance with Article 701.3.



The auditor concluded that, except for these three contracts, the CWB has complied, in all material respects, with Article 701.3 of the FTA.

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CANADA OBSERVES COMMONWEALTH DAY



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet issued the following statement to mark Commonwealth Day, March 14.

Canadians join citizens of 49 other Commonwealth member countries today in observing Commonwealth Day.

The theme for Commonwealth Day 1994 is **Sport in the Commonwealth**, which serves to focus the attention of the entire Commonwealth on the upcoming Commonwealth Games to be held in Victoria, British Columbia, from August 18 to 28. The Games have become a great Commonwealth institution and Canadians are proud and honoured to be hosting "the friendly Games" for the fourth time in their history.

As a prominent player within the Commonwealth, Canada continues to mobilise efforts to promote fundamental human values. These basic values lie at the heart of the Commonwealth and were reaffirmed in the landmark 1991 Harare Declaration: to protect and promote democracy and human rights; to promote women's equality; to provide universal access to education; to work to end apartheid; to alleviate poverty; to protect the global environment; to fight against disease and drug trafficking; to assist small Commonwealth countries; and to support the United Nations in search for peace.

Canada remains committed to the establishment of a non-racial democratic society in South Africa. In the upcoming April Elections, Canadians will be counted among the international community observing the Elections and contributing to free and fair voting.

Canadians can be proud of our role within the Commonwealth at the governmental level as well as within the non-governmental community. The people-to-people linkages holding the Commonwealth family together are numerous and found in every sector. Commonwealth Day

symbolizes these links and celebrates the spirit of Commonwealth co-operation and friendship.

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MACLAREN CONGRATULATES MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY MBA STUDENTS ON THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MINISTER'S TRADE CHALLENGE CUP

Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren today presented "The Minister for International Trade Challenge Cup" to a team of six graduate business students from Memorial University of St. John's, Newfoundland.



This is the third consecutive year that a Memorial team has won top Canadian honours in the Dalhousie University International Business Case Competition, open to graduate business schools. Winning Memorial team members are Don Barnes, Sandra Chaytor, Lawrence Mak, Jeff Pittman, Daphne Rixon and Harvinder Wadhwa.

"I congratulate these and all the students who took part in this competition. It is through such activities that we will develop stronger partnerships between institutions of higher learning, professional associations, governments and business organizations that will help us compete with the best in the world," Mr. MacLaren said.

This competition -- it is based on cases drawn from real business situations -- is unique, as the competing teams communicate with the judges and each other via electronic media (fax and teleconferencing) rather than by travelling to a central location.

"Canadians must have the skills, the opportunities and the knowledge to meet the demands of the job market and the challenges of global competition," the Minister said. "This MBA competition is a perfect example of how our students can learn some of the practical skills they need to face the business challenges that await them."

Established in 1987 by graduate business students at Dalhousie, the competition is sponsored by Maritime Telephone and Telegraph.

This year's competition included seven universities from Canada and three from the United States.

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QUELLET TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR SIGNING OF MUSLIM-CROAT FEDERATION AGREEMENT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will travel to Washington to attend Friday's signing of an agreement creating a Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

"This is an important step toward ending the tragic conflict in Bosnia-Hercegovina and elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia. The Bosnian Serbs must now participate actively in the process so that a lasting peace can be achieved," said Mr. Ouellet.

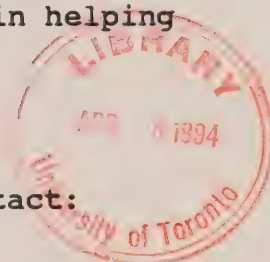
The Minister welcomed the recent progress in establishing cease-fires in many parts of Bosnia-Hercegovina and in Croatia, saying that the cease-fires would help create a climate more conducive to the negotiation of an overall agreement. Mr. Ouellet also praised the parties for their willingness to compromise so the agreement could be reached. The Minister underlined Canada's commitment to support fully diplomatic efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement to the conflict and to provide relief to its victims. He recalled that on March 10, Canada renewed its substantial peacekeeping contribution in Bosnia-Hercegovina and Croatia for an additional six months.

The Bosnian presidency and Croatian community representatives reached agreement March 13 to establish a federation in Bosnia-Hercegovina. The United States played a central role in helping broker this agreement.

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QUELLET INVITES CANADIANS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LA FRANCOPHONIE

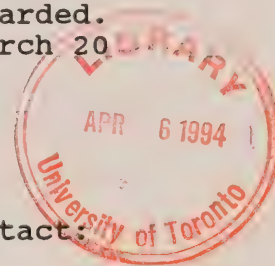
At the Chaillot Summit of 1991 in Paris, la Francophonie heads of state and government officially named March 20 as the International Day of La Francophonie. Since then, this day has given Francophones in Canada and worldwide an opportunity to commemorate their adherence to la Francophonie internationale, a grouping of 47 states and governments comprising over 400 million people. Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet invites all Canadians to celebrate this day.

"We are pleased and proud to commemorate this day and our membership in la Francophonie which, over and above questions of language and culture, provides an opportunity to promote fundamental democratic and human rights values," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet added that participation in la Francophonie is an integral part of Canada's foreign policy; besides furthering Canada's influence, it enables Canada to form special relations with a very large group of countries over five continents.

International Day of la Francophonie will be commemorated across Canada, particularly in Quebec and New Brunswick. Among other activities in Ottawa, Mr. Ouellet has invited representatives of la Francophonie countries to a ceremony at which prizes for la Francophonie nationally and internationally will be awarded. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien will be attending this March 20 reception on Parliament Hill.

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MACLAREN WELCOMES GATT DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO CANADA

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, today announced that Peter Sutherland, Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, will visit Canada, March 20 to 22, 1994.

"I am honoured that Mr. Sutherland has accepted my invitation to visit Canada. His efforts during the dramatic closing days of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations were critical in bringing the Round to a successful conclusion, thus providing a stronger framework for the world trading system," Mr. MacLaren said.

The Minister pointed out that the Uruguay Round was the most ambitious and far-reaching international trade negotiation ever concluded. The GATT's traditional role of bringing down tariffs on manufactured goods was greatly expanded. Upon implementation of the Round, key areas will be brought under world trade rules, including trade in services, intellectual property, agriculture and textiles. A new World Trade Organization, which Canada sponsored during the negotiations, will help enforce the agreements and provide more effective management of the world trade system in the years ahead.

"Mr. Sutherland's visit comes at a time when Canada and our trading partners are ironing out the details of the agreement, in preparation for a final Ministerial conference in Marrakesh, Morocco, April 12 to 15. It will take a firm hand on the reins to make sure the new world trade system, with the World Trade Organization at its centre, moves steadily toward full implementation, perhaps as early as January 1, 1995," Mr. MacLaren said.

While in Canada, Mr. Sutherland will visit Toronto, Montréal and Ottawa. He will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and several ministers from the federal, Ontario and Quebec governments. He will also hold meetings with senior officials, business leaders, journalists and academics.

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MACLAREN AND MANLEY LAUNCH THE 1994-95 INTERNATIONAL TRADE BUSINESS PLAN

Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and Minister of Industry John Manley today launched simultaneously in Toronto and Montréal Canada's International Trade Business Plan (ITBP) for 1994-95.

The ITBP is the federal government's consolidated strategy and action plan designed to assist Canadian firms in their pursuit of international business. It was developed in consultation with the private sector across Canada. Provincial governments were also invited to provide input.

"The high costs of doing business in today's global economy call for clear priorities, sound and well-executed business development strategies, flexibility to meet changing circumstances and better management of financial and human resources by both the private and public sectors," Mr. MacLaren said in Toronto. "This Business Plan supports these goals."

The Government's approach to international business development will build on three broad objectives: greater partnership between public and private sectors; expanded trade participation of export-ready firms, especially small and medium-sized firms; and increased diversification of Canada's trade relations.

"There is a need for more small businesses to become involved in international trade," commented Mr. Manley in Montréal. "The International Trade Business Plan is one of the ways we can help them take advantage of export opportunities."

This year's ITBP is more streamlined than in the past, consisting of a Strategic Overview complemented by individual sector-specific strategies.



The launch in both cities took place in close co-operation with leaders of the Canadian Exporters' Association, the Canadian and Quebec Chambers of Commerce and the Canadian and Quebec Manufacturers' Associations, as well as private-sector executives and Ontario and Quebec ministers and senior officials.

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BACKGROUNDER

Canada's International Trade Business Plan is made up of three components: a Strategic Overview, a series of industry sector strategies, and an accompanying series of international activities lists.

The three main objectives of the plan are threefold:

- to strengthen the link between global opportunities and the supply of capabilities of Canadian industry;
- to bring greater coordination to federal (and increasingly provincial) international business development strategies, priorities and activities to ensure that public resources are utilized as efficiently as possible; and
- to ensure that federal international business development strategies and activities reflect the real needs of Canadian industry.

Available industry sector strategies (and activities) include:

1. Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
2. Aeronautics
3. Agri-Food Products
4. Arts and Cultural Industries
5. Automotive
6. Biotechnologies
7. Business and Professional Services
8. Chemicals and Plastics
 - Chemicals and Petrochemicals
 - Plastics and Polymer Products
9. Consumer Products
 - Apparel Industry
 - Business and Institutional Footwear
 - Footwear
 - Hardware and Housewares
 - Household Furniture
 - Sporting Goods (including recreational watercraft)
 - Textiles
10. Defence and Related Products
 - Aviation, Marine and Defence Electronics
 - Marine and Land Defense Systems
11. Electrical and Energy Equipment
 - Electrical Equipment
 - Oil and Gas Field Equipment
12. Environmental Industries
13. Fish and Seafood Products
14. Forest Industries
15. Industrial Technologies
 - Agricultural Technology, Machinery and Equipment
 - Mining - Forestry - Pulp and Paper
 - Ocean and Marine Shipboard Technology
16. Information Technologies
17. Medical and Health-care Products
18. Minerals, Metals, Advanced Materials and Construction Products
19. Space
20. Tourism
21. Urban Transit and Rail

For information on how to receive additional copies of the Strategic Overview, or copies of industry sector strategies and international lists, please call: **1-800-267-8376**.



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MACLAREN NAMES NEW EDC CHAIRMAN

Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren today announced the appointment of Alexander K. Stuart as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Export Development Corporation (EDC).

Mr. Stuart is Chairman of The Electrolyser Corporation Ltd., a Toronto-based major manufacturer of industrial hydrogen and oxygen gas plants for world markets.

Mr. Stuart has served as a Director and Vice Chairman of EDC and is a past Chairman of the Canadian Exporters' Association and a founding Director of the Canada-India Business Council.

At present, Mr. Stuart is Canadian delegate to the Executive Committee on Hydrogen of the International Energy Agency in Paris, France, a Director of the International Association for Hydrogen Energy, and Vice Chairman of the National Hydrogen Association in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Hydrogen Technology Advisory Group of Natural Resources Canada, and of the Surface Vehicle Committee of the Hydrogen Technology Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Energy.

EDC is a customer-driven financial services corporation dedicated to helping Canadian businesses succeed in the global marketplace. EDC facilitates export trade and foreign investment through the provision of risk management services, including insurance, financing and guarantees, to Canadian companies and their global customers. EDC reports to Parliament through the Minister for International Trade.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER TO VISIT POLAND AND UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will travel to Warsaw, March 29 and 30, and Kiev, March 31 and April 1.

"Canada is committed to helping Poland and Ukraine through the challenging transition to democracy and market economies. This trip will reinforce our special relationship with both countries," said Mr. Ouellet.

To underline the importance of co-operation in trade and investment, Mr. Ouellet will be accompanied by Canadian business leaders with interests in the region.

Mr. Ouellet noted that practical, hands-on Canadian technical assistance was giving Poland and Ukraine the tools to make change happen in agriculture and health care, improve environmental protection, and encourage private-sector development.

In Warsaw, Mr. Ouellet will get a first-hand look at Poland's remarkable success in turning its economy around under democratic leadership. In addition to his discussions with Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski, Mr. Ouellet will also meet President Lech Walesa and Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak.

In Kiev, Mr. Ouellet will hear a report from Canadian observers on the first round of the Ukrainian elections. In his meetings with President Leonid Kravchuk, Foreign Minister Anatoliy Zlenko and Economy Minister Roman Shpek, Mr. Ouellet will stress Canada's support for Ukraine's reform efforts.

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CANADIANS TO SERVE AS ELECTORAL OBSERVERS IN UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that a team of 13 Canadians will serve as observers of the first round of Ukraine's legislative elections on March 27.

"We have been strong supporters of Ukraine since their independence in 1991, and are pleased to assist in these elections. They will be the first multiparty elections in Ukraine since independence, and they mark an important development in Ukraine's transition to a democratic society," said Mr. Ouellet.

The team of Canadian observers will be led by Parliamentary Secretary Jesse Flis, and will consist of Senator Marcel Prud'homme, Carolyn Parrish, André Caron, John Loney, Walter Lastewka, Oleh Romaniw, Alexandra Chyczij, Myroslav Tracz, Victor Nakoneshny, Patricia Sembaliuk, Orest Dubas, and Andrij Hluchowecky. Two Canadian elections monitors, William Mukanik and Donald Slobodzian, are already in Ukraine.

Given the importance of the elections to the democratic process in Ukraine, and the priority we place on our relations with this country, the Canadian government has provided a \$2.5-million electoral assistance package to help ensure the integrity of the elections. In addition to sending observers, Canada has supplied 445 tonnes of specialized ballot paper, placed an Elections Canada elections advisor, André Bouchard, with the Ukrainian Central Electoral Commission, and assisted with voter education and media training.

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SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, Flavio Cotti, will visit Ottawa March 23 and 24.

"Switzerland and Canada have a number of common interests, notably European security. Mr. Cotti and I will discuss issues related to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe's Review Conference, which will take place this fall in Budapest. I also look forward to exchanging views on the situation in the former Yugoslavia and the role of peacekeeping forces there, as well as in other areas of conflict," said Mr. Ouellet.

Other issues to be discussed during Mr. Cotti's visit include international migration trends, the Middle East peace process and South Africa.

Mr. Cotti will also meet Minister of National Defence David Collenette and Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart.

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MACLAREN TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO ASIA

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, will lead a Canadian trade mission to the People's Republic of China, Korea and Japan, March 26 to April 9. The visit will promote increased trade and investment with Canada, and will highlight the region's strong business potential for Canadians.

"Asia-Pacific is the most dynamic region in the world today, with average annual growth rates between six and nine percent. China, Korea and Japan are among Canada's top six trading partners, together accounting for \$27.8-billion worth of trade with Canada," the Minister said. "Increasing trade and investment with these countries is of vital importance to economic growth and job creation in Canada."

Mr. MacLaren will meet with government ministers and business officials in each of the three countries to discuss key issues regarding bilateral trade and economic relationships, including market access issues. As well, he will underline to ministers the importance Canada attaches to a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round in April at Marrakesh.

In China, Mr. MacLaren will seek to strengthen and expand Canada's already active participation in the country's rapidly developing economy, and assure government leaders that Canada supports China's accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). He will tour the Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications and address local business representatives in Beijing. In Shanghai, he will tour the Pudong economic zone and participate in a business forum at Tongji University, College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

In Korea from March 31 to April 5, Mr. MacLaren will visit Seoul and Wolsung, the site of four CANDU nuclear reactors, one of which has been in operation since 1983, and three which are under construction. He will also meet with the chairmen of Korea's leading *chaebols* (conglomerates), including Hyundai, Daewoo, POSCO, Sammi and Lucky-Goldstar International.

The Minister will visit Tokyo and Fukuoka in Japan from April 5 to 9, in an effort to support the trade development objectives outlined in Canada's Action Plan for Japan, for the building products, processed food and informatics sectors in particular. He will meet with industry leaders in Fukuoka, and with members of *Keidanren* (the Federation of Economic Organizations) and Japanese ministers in Tokyo. Mr. MacLaren will lend support to Japan's efforts to deregulate and open its markets to imports, to the benefit of both the country's trading partners and consumers.

Accompanying Mr. MacLaren will be representatives of leading Canadian companies with business interests in the region from the following sectors: telecommunications and information technology; informatics; transportation; nuclear power, oil and gas; agri-food and fish products; pulp and paper; building products; chemicals, financial services; and heavy machinery. A list of the companies is attached.

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Asia Communications, Quebec
B.C. Trade Development
Corporation, B.C.
Babcock & Wilcox, Ontario
Black Clawson-Kennedy Ltd.,
Quebec
Bombardier, Quebec
CANAC International Inc.,
Quebec
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Canadian Airlines International,
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Hudson's Bay Company, Ontario
Joe Ng Engineering, Ontario
Kvaerner Hymac Inc., Quebec
Lateral Vector Resources Inc.,
Saskatchewan
London Life, Ontario
Manulife, Ontario
Mitel, Ontario
Monenco Agra, Quebec
Northern Telecom, Quebec
Pratt and Whitney Canada, Quebec
Raytheon Canada Ltd., Ontario
SNC-Lavalin, Quebec
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Alberta
Teleglobe, Ontario
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Korea

AECL CANDU, Ontario
Alternative Fuel Systems Inc.,
Alberta
Bristol Aerospace, Manitoba
Canadian Marconi, Quebec
Douglas Manufactured
Homes Ltd., B.C.

EDC (Export Development
Corporation), Ontario
Mitel, Ontario
Raytheon Canada Ltd., Ontario
SHL Systemhouse, Ontario
Whiting Equipment, Ontario

Japan

ACDS Système Graphique Inc.,
Quebec
Bombardier, Quebec
Douglas Manufactured
Homes Ltd., B.C.
Fulcrum, Ontario
Loewen Windows, Manitoba

Mitel, Ontario
Newbridge Networks Corp., Ontario
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Scotia
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SECRETARY OF STATE CHAN TO OPEN CANADA-JAPAN SYMPOSIUM ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will open the Canada-Japan Symposium on the Stewardship of the North Pacific Ocean to be held March 25 to 27 in Vancouver.

"This is a Canadian initiative that responds to the recommendations of the Canada-Japan Forum 2000 report, tabled in December 1992. That report recommended, among other things, that Canada and Japan work in partnership on environmental concerns," said Mr. Ouellet.

The co-chairs of the symposium are Dr. Geraldine Kenney-Wallace, President and Vice-Chancellor of McMaster University and Vice-Chair of the Canadian Panel of Forum 2000, and Professor Yoichi Kaya of the University of Tokyo. The symposium will bring together 20 senior sectoral experts from both countries to explore opportunities for collaboration. The topics for discussion include priorities for research and development, instrumentation and measurement technology, and potential commercial benefits.

"This initiative shows Canada's commitment to a dialogue with Japan that extends well beyond trade. Canada and Japan are already working together in a number of bilateral projects in the area of the environment. This symposium will add momentum, and provide impetus to these activities," said Mr. Chan.

Canada-Japan Forum 2000, a non-governmental panel of prominent private citizens, presented its report in 1992 to the Canadian and Japanese prime ministers, recommending ways to further advance relations between the two countries.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ELECT NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will travel to Washington to attend the March 27 special General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) to elect a new Secretary-General.

"Mrs. Stewart's presence underscores the importance that Canada attaches to the OAS. Sound leadership is a critical requirement for the organization to remain effective," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada is strongly committed to working with the new Secretary-General on matters of common concern, including the promotion of democracy, economic and social development, and hemispheric security," added Mrs. Stewart.

Canada has declared its support for Colombian President César Gaviria whom it considers to be the best candidate to lead the OAS in the years ahead. Canada has also expressed the view that the new Secretary-General be chosen primarily on the basis of personal and professional qualifications for the position, rather than on other considerations such as national origin or rotationality. The winning candidate will succeed Joao Clemente Baena Soares, who, in June 1994, celebrates 10 years as OAS Secretary-General.

During her visit to Washington, Mrs. Stewart will meet with representatives of various hemispheric organizations, including the Pan-American Health Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank, as well as with representatives of various think tanks involved in Latin American issues.

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MONTREAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND LES GRANDS BALLET CANADIENS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FOR EUROPEAN TOUR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that his department would be making a grant of \$300 000 to help fund the Montréal Symphony Orchestra (MSO)'s 12-concert tour of Europe, April 3 to 20, 1994. The MSO will tour Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Ouellet thanked Maestro Charles Dutoit for bringing the Orchestra to such a high level of excellence and for the enviable reputation it had earned both in Montréal and throughout Canada.

Mr. Ouellet also announced that his department would be granting \$275 000 to les Grands ballets canadiens for a nine-concert tour of Holland and Belgium, April 7 to 18, 1994.

Mr. Ouellet thanked Artistic Director Lawrence Rhodes for the remarkable success enjoyed by "Les Grands" in New York last year, and expressed confidence that Europe would respond equally well to the stirring performances of the dancers.

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MACLAREN DECLARES ADDITIONAL EXPORT FINANCING FOR CHINA

BEIJING -- The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, announced today that the Government of Canada will make available additional financing resources for Canadian exporters pursuing business in the People's Republic of China. This financing will be delivered through the Export Development Corporation (EDC).

The financing support will include the continuation of concessional credits. "We will use this concessional financing on a matching basis to ensure Canadian exporters, particularly small and medium-sized exporters, can compete with other international companies," the Minister said. "I believe that this will provide a useful tool to many Canadian companies seeking to develop specific market sectors in China."

The Minister noted that China, currently Canada's fifth-largest trading partner globally, presents unprecedented opportunities to the Canadian exporting community. Many of the areas of Chinese infrastructure development closely match Canadian industrial strengths.

Mr. MacLaren made the announcement in a speech to the Canadian business community in Beijing during his 15-day trade mission to China, Korea and Japan. The Minister said that special allocative criteria are being developed for the concessional credits, which will include adherence to the most recent Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development consensus guidelines governing the use of concessional financing.

EDC facilitates export trade and foreign investment through the provision of risk management services, including insurance, financing and guarantees to Canadian companies and their global customers. EDC reports to Parliament through the Minister for International Trade.

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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES NEW TRADE OFFICE IN GUANGZHOU

BEIJING -- The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, announced today that the Government of Canada will establish an office at Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, heart of the fast-growing southern region of the People's Republic of China.

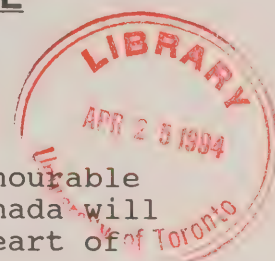
"This move underscores the Government's determination to focus on key Asian markets to improve our market analysis and market information services in support of Canadian exporters," the Minister said. "It is particularly important for small and medium-sized companies to be able to call on effective, on-the-ground support. This new office will prove especially valuable to many smaller Canadian firms which have yet to establish their own presence in South China."

Mr. MacLaren made the announcement in Beijing, where he is leading a 15-day trade mission to China, Korea and Japan. Accompanying the Minister are representatives of leading Canadian companies from a variety of sectors with business interests in China. While in Beijing, the Minister has witnessed the signing of contracts by Northern Telecom, Kvaerner Hymac, CANAC and GEC.

The decision to open a commercial office in Guangzhou is part of Canada's integrated China trade strategy, which co-ordinates the activities of Canadian trade commissioners in Beijing, Hong Kong and Guangzhou.

South China is among the fastest-growing economies in the world. Canadian business is active in the region in a variety of projects involving transportation, telecommunications, construction and other sectors. Substantial new opportunities for Canadian businesspeople are expected in the years ahead.

The size of the new office and the opening date will be determined after further consultations with the Chinese



government. China is Canada's fifth-largest trading partner. Two-way trade totalled \$4.8 billion last year.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR POLAND

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced two new Canadian technical assistance projects to support political and economic reform in Poland. The first project will help to modernize the Polish dairy industry, while the second will introduce a new Canadian volunteer youth service.

"These new initiatives build on Canada's well-established program of technical assistance to Poland and underline our commitment to support Poland during this period of transition. They will draw upon Canada's world-class agricultural expertise and the energy of our youth to work as partners with Poland in furthering political and economic reform," said Mr. Ouellet.

The agricultural project is a four-year, \$2.3-million initiative to improve the efficiency of the Polish dairy industry in the district of Siedlce, 80 kilometres east of Warsaw. The second new initiative is a pilot, youth service project to support young Canadian volunteers' participation in the process of reform in Central and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement in Warsaw following meetings with President Lech Walesa, Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak, Marshal (Speaker) of the Sejm Jozef Oleksy and Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski.

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NEW CANADIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR POLAND

The projects announced today are part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program for Poland managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program is designed to support the transition to a market-based economy, to promote democratic development and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Poland. Approximately \$24.8 million has been committed to date in support of 88 projects in the priority sectors of education, agriculture, private-sector development and democratic development.

The new projects are:

Siedlce Dairy Enhancement Project

Agriculture Canada will manage a four-year, \$2.3-million project to improve the efficiency of the dairy industry in the district of Siedlce, 80 kilometres east of Warsaw. Building on the success of a Canadian-established model dairy farm, the project will provide training in dairy management, herd health, farm economics and financial planning to local producers and extension workers. Other training programs for veterinarians and dairy farmers, which will be supported by the transfer of Canadian agricultural technology, will help upgrade milk quality. The project will also work with a local dairy processing plant to introduce modern milk collection, processing and marketing systems. The Canadian dairy industry will participate in the project by providing teachers and training opportunities for Polish participants at their Canadian facilities.

World Youth Solidarity

Canada World Youth will develop a pilot, youth service project to support young Canadian volunteers' participation in the process of reform in Central and Eastern Europe. Under the program, young Canadians will volunteer their services to work with their counterparts on a series of custom-designed projects, identified and developed in consultation with participating host countries. Focusing on democratic development and public-sector institutions and programs, possible areas of concentration include environment, agriculture, municipal government, health, and initiatives targeting minorities and the disadvantaged. Poland has been offered the opportunity to be the first country to participate in the pilot project for the new youth service program.



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COLD WAR DOCUMENTS MADE PUBLIC IN LATEST HISTORY VOLUME ON CANADA'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today the publication of the 14th volume of the Department's *Documents on Canadian External Relations*, which contains hundreds of original documents on Canada's response to the deepening Cold War and other important political and economic developments in 1948.

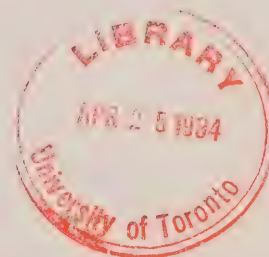
Edited by Senior Departmental Historian Hector Mackenzie, Volume 14 covers a wide range of critical issues such as the blockade of West Berlin, the Communist coup in the former Czechoslovakia, the highly secret negotiations leading to the establishment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Canada's first participation in the United Nations Security Council and its response to conflicts in Indonesia, Korea, Kashmir and Palestine.

Volume 14 and other volumes of this series can be obtained from:

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CANADA ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a series of new Canadian assistance initiatives designed to address pressing environmental, health and social issues in Ukraine.

"These new initiatives are providing practical, immediate assistance in areas of primary importance to the Ukrainian people. They underline Canada's special relationship with Ukraine and our commitment to help Ukraine address some of the most difficult challenges during this period of transition," said Mr. Ouellet.

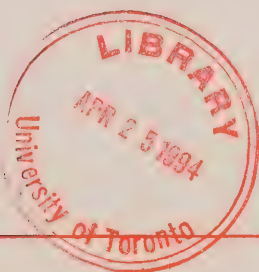
One project is designed to help with the rehabilitation of the Dniepr River, the source of drinking water for 70 percent of Ukraine's population. The second will train Ukrainian physicians in the areas of maternal and infant health care. The third, an assistance package, will address emergency health needs in Ukraine, including essential supplies for pregnant women and children, and vaccines. The assistance package totals \$11.5 million.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement in Kiev following meetings with President Leonid Kravchuk and other Ukrainian leaders.

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NEW CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN UKRAINE

The projects are part of Canada's ongoing technical and humanitarian assistance programs for Ukraine managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The technical assistance program is designed to support the transition to a market-based economy, to promote democratic development and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. More than 60 projects have been approved to date in the priority sectors of environment, health, agriculture, private-sector development and democratic development.

The three new assistance projects, worth \$11.5 million, will consist of:

Dniepr River Rehabilitation

The International Development Research Centre will implement a three-year, \$5-million project to assist with the environmental rehabilitation of the Dniepr River. The source of drinking water for some 70 percent of Ukraine's population, the severely contaminated river is the country's most pressing environmental problem. Canada will help strengthen Ukrainian environmental management capabilities by training 250 environmental professionals, designing an information management system and assisting the Ukrainian government develop new environmental policies. In addition, a series of practical initiatives will help reduce pollution at the source. Following a study to identify the most heavily polluted sections of the river, demonstration projects with agri-industrial enterprises and wastewater treatment plants will introduce corrective action and Canadian environmental technology.

Osvita Medical Project

Under this two-year \$2.5-million project whose title translates as "enlightenment," training will be provided to Ukrainian physicians in the areas of maternal and infant health care. Managed by the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine in co-operation with the City of Kiev's Department of Health and three children's hospitals, 120 volunteer Canadian physicians will teach in Ukraine and some 40 promising Ukrainian physicians will complete four-month internships at medical institutions across Canada. Canadian laboratory technologists in Kiev will help modernize medical laboratory procedures and improve the quality control of medical testing. In addition, senior Ukrainian medical administrators will study medical systems and models in Canada. Building on an earlier \$900 000 initiative,

the project aims to contribute to a reduction in maternal and infant mortality and to establish a continuing medical education program in Ukraine.

Humanitarian Assistance

A \$4-million humanitarian assistance package will address emergency health needs in Ukraine. The package includes a \$3-million contribution to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the provision of essential drugs and medical supplies for pregnant women and children. In response to a United Nations appeal, \$1 million will be donated to the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for the purchase and delivery of vaccines. This package brings Canada's total humanitarian assistance to Ukraine to \$8 million.



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OUELLET WELCOMES TERMINATION OF COCOM

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the termination of the Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls (COCOM), the export controls regime that restricted Western trade with Communist countries during the Cold War.

"The termination of COCOM lifts the last remnant of Cold War export controls and paves the way for a new export controls arrangement. This is an important political step and marks the opening of trade opportunities in the area of high technology for Canadian companies," said Mr. Ouellet.

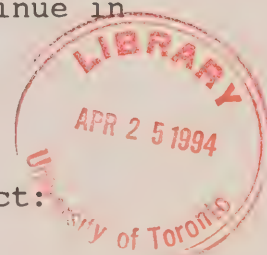
COCOM was set up in 1948. It was designed to control the export of nuclear, military and a wide range of industrial goods from North Atlantic Treaty Organization members (except Iceland), Japan and Australia, to countries of the former Warsaw Treaty Organization, China, North Korea and Viet Nam. Canada joined in 1950.

A new arrangement is now being developed that will reflect new world realities. It will engage countries including Russia in a multilateral framework for exercising restraint in transfers of arms and sensitive dual-use items, in particular with respect to exports to countries or regions of concern. Mr. Ouellet expressed the hope that the new arrangement can be fully functional by October 1994. Existing controls will continue in effect until the new arrangement is in place.

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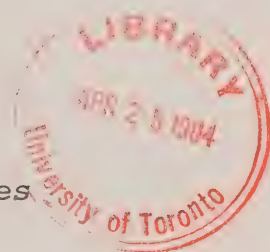
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MACLAREN RELEASES 1994 REGISTER OF U.S. BARRIERS TO TRADE

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, today released the *Register of United States Barriers to Trade*.



The publication is an illustrative list of barriers to the free flow of goods, services and investment into the United States from Canada. Examples of these barriers are found in U.S. subsidy practices, unilateral trade remedy practices, government procurement and domestic preference laws, customs and administrative procedures, and technical and regulatory practices.

"Canada and the United States share the world's largest trading relationship," the Minister said. "This relationship has been enhanced by reducing or eliminating trade barriers under bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. The Register provides examples of remaining barriers that Canadian companies continue to face."

The Minister emphasized that, while Canada remains concerned about the range of U.S. barriers to trade, they affect a relatively small portion of a very large and mutually beneficial trading relationship.

The *Register of United States Barriers to Trade* also summarizes Canadian responses to specific U.S. trade actions or barriers. "We will continue to work to eliminate or reduce U.S. barriers to trade through negotiations and through effective use of dispute settlement procedures under the NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] and the GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade]," the Minister said.

Canada's release of the Register coincides with the publication by the U.S. Administration of its annual *National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers*. This report describes

practices which, in the view of the United States, constitute trade barriers that are maintained by other countries, including Canada.

The *Register of United States Barriers to Trade* may be obtained by contacting the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's InfoCentre at 1-800-267-8376 (toll-free) or, in the Ottawa area, at 944-4000. Requests by facsimile can be directed to (613) 996-9709.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES NUCLEAR DISMANTLEMENT PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$15-million package of Canadian assistance to Ukraine to support nuclear dismantlement and enhanced nuclear safety. The package, announced during Mr. Ouellet's visit to Kiev, is part of Canada's contribution to Western assistance efforts to promote de-nuclearization and encourage Ukrainian accession to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"Canada is committed to working closely with Ukraine to enhance international stability and security. This assistance package will help Ukraine de-nuclearize by making Canadian expertise available to address such urgent needs as nuclear waste management, environmental restoration and enhanced civilian nuclear-safety systems," said Mr. Ouellet.

In order to support the environmental assessment and clean-up of deactivated missile sites, and to monitor radiation and environmental contamination in areas affected by the Chernobyl disaster, the Canadian assistance package will provide Canadian technology and technical training. Other components of the package will assist in strengthening nuclear waste management capabilities in Ukraine. The Atomic Energy Control Board will co-operate with the Ukrainian State Committee for Nuclear and Radiation Safety to help develop a legislative and regulatory framework for the control of nuclear facilities. A range of defence conversion initiatives will also be supported under the package.

The nuclear dismantlement assistance package is part of Canada's ongoing program of technical assistance for Ukraine managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program is designed to support the transition to a market-based

economy, to promote democratic development and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. More than 60 projects have been approved to date in the priority sectors of environment, health, agriculture, private sector development and democratic development.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO TRAVEL TO EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND MEXICO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will travel to El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico April 6-12.

"Mrs. Stewart's visit underscores Canada's ongoing commitment to peace and democratic development in Central America," said Mr. Ouellet.

"I look forward this visit at a time when Salvadorans are engaged in their first democratic elections, and both sides of the conflict in Guatemala have signed an accord on human rights," Mrs. Stewart added.

Mrs. Stewart will visit San Salvador April 6 and 7, where she will meet with President Alfredo Cristiani, officials of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) and representatives of non-governmental human rights and development groups. She will also visit Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) projects in El Salvador, including a community enterprise project in a barrio of San Salvador.

On April 8, she will travel to Guatemala City, where she will hold talks with President Ramiro de León Carpio and Human Rights Ombudsman Mario García LaGuardia. Mrs. Stewart applauded the March 29 signing of a human rights accord between the Guatemalan government and the National Revolutionary Unity of Guatemala (URNG), but deplored the subsequent assassination April 3 of Eduardo Eppaminondas Gonzalez Dubon, president of Guatemala's Constitutional Court, saying that she would discuss these important developments with President de León and others.



Mrs. Stewart will attend the annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Guadalajara, Mexico, on April 11-12. Canada is an active member of the IDB, which is the largest source of development financing for Latin American countries.

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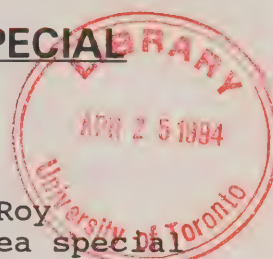
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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES CANADA-KOREA SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP



The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, announced the establishment of a Canada-Korea special partnership working group following his visit to South Korea March 31 to April 5. The purpose of the working group is to increase economic links and to strengthen trade and investment ties between the two countries.

This new initiative, announced jointly with Korea's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Han Sun-Joo, follows up on a commitment made at the November meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Korean President Kim Young Sam to give priority to developing a special partnership between Canada and Korea.

"As middle powers of the Asia-Pacific region, we agreed we should co-operate closely on bilateral and multilateral issues," Mr. MacLaren said in Seoul after meetings with Korean government ministers and officials. "Our aim is to cope effectively with the new international economic environment created by the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations and the launch of the North American Free Trade Agreement."

The working group will explore various bilateral and multilateral options to further co-operation. Bilateral options include enhanced market access, industrial co-operation and encouraging joint ventures. Multilateral options include collaboration in various international organizations, including the new World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and APEC, and in regional arrangements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The working group, comprising a co-chairperson and two representatives from each side, will prepare a draft report by

June 30 and a final report, including an action plan, prior to the APEC ministerial meeting in Indonesia in November.

Mr. MacLaren is in Seoul as part of the 15-day trade mission he is leading to China, Korea and Japan. Accompanying him are representatives of leading Canadian companies with business interests in the region.

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MACLAREN DETERMINED TO CONTEST U.S. EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE ON SOFTWOOD LUMBER

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, has expressed the Canadian government's determination to contest a U.S. challenge of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) binational panel on softwood lumber. The U.S. government today formally requested the establishment of an Extraordinary Challenge Committee (ECC) to review the panel decision.

The U.S. government's request for an ECC alleges that the panel did not apply the correct standard of review, and that two Canadian panelists materially breached the disclosure obligations of the Code of Conduct.

"We see absolutely no grounds for these allegations," said Mr. MacLaren. "The panel correctly found in Canada's favour because of the strength of our case, and we are confident that this will again be demonstrated in the ECC."

The subsidy panel concluded its work on March 7, 1994, with a ruling that provincial stumpage programs and British Columbia log export restrictions were not countervailable subsidies. The U.S. has now exercised its rights under the FTA rules to request an ECC within 30 days of the panel's issue of a Notice of Final Panel Action. The ECC will be established within 15 days and is expected to render its decision in the next few months.

In addition to the subsidy panel, a second FTA panel on softwood lumber is considering the issue of injury in the countervailing duty case. This panel has also ruled in Canada's favour in finding that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has not substantiated its determination that Canadian exports of softwood lumber were injuring the U.S. lumber industry. The FTA injury panel has until June 13, 1994 to review the ITC's most recent determination on injury.

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EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE PROCEDURES UNDER THE CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Under Chapter 1904 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, either country can request an Extraordinary Challenge of a binational panel ruling on any of the following grounds:

- a member of the panel was guilty of gross misconduct, bias or a serious conflict of interest, or otherwise materially violated the rules of conduct;
- the panel seriously departed from a fundamental rule of procedure; or
- the panel manifestly exceeded its powers, authority or jurisdiction.

It also must be determined that any one of these grounds has materially affected the panel's decision and threatens the integrity of the binational panel review process.

An Extraordinary Challenge Committee must be established within 15 days of a request for such a committee. The Committee comprises three members, selected from a 10-person roster of judges or former judges of a federal court of the United States or a court of superior jurisdiction in Canada. Each country selects one panel member, and the third is chosen by both or by lot.

Written arguments from both countries must be filed with the Committee within 21 days of the request for a committee.

Article 1904.13 of the FTA states that the decision should be rendered by the Committee typically within 30 days of the request. The Committee can extend the time limits in the interests of fairness, as was the case in the previous Extraordinary Challenge launched in June 1993.

In rendering its decision, the Committee can affirm the decision of the binational panel, vacate the decision, or remand the decision back to the panel for further consideration accompanied by instructions from the Committee.

When the United States Trade Representative notified Canada of his intention to launch the challenge, he included a statement as to why the challenge was being launched.



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CANADA CALLS FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE IN RWANDA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called for an immediate end to violence in Rwanda.

"Canadians are shocked at these acts of terrorism and appeal urgently for moderation on the part of all parties to end the senseless loss of life in Rwanda," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister indicated that Canada would stand firmly behind all regional initiatives designed to find just and lasting solutions to the conflicts of Central Africa.

The consular situation in Rwanda continues to deteriorate. The approximately two hundred Canadians registered at the office of the Canadian Embassy are at considerable risk from the continuing fighting in and around Kigali, but reports indicate that Canadians do not appear to be targetted in the fighting. There have been reports that foreigners have been separated from Rwandans before the Rwandans were killed. The Department does not have any reports of any Canadians being killed or injured beyond the earlier press reports of the deaths of the wife of the Minister of Labour and their two children. However, there is no independent corroboration of this.

In co-operation with other countries, Canada will evacuate Canadians from the country as soon as conditions permit this to be done without increased risk. Consultations are ongoing with other concerned countries as to how and when an evacuation can be effected. In the meantime, Canadians are being advised to remain indoors. The Canadian mission in Kigali and shortwave news broadcasts on Radio Canada International (RCI) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) will carry further information on what will be done.

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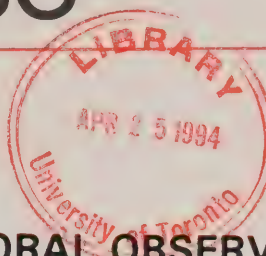
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CANADIANS TO SERVE AS ELECTORAL OBSERVERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today detailed the series of measures Canada is taking to monitor and support South Africa's first multiracial elections, April 26-28.

"These elections mark a crucial step in the building of a post-apartheid system of government in South Africa. Canada has consistently advocated peaceful change in South Africa, and it is fitting that so many Canadians will be there to witness the voting process," said Mr. Ouellet.

Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), will lead a bilateral team of 12 Canadian election observers. The team will arrive in South Africa on April 18, in time to observe the final week of the electoral campaign, as well as the actual voting.

"Canadians have supported the transition to democracy and a non-racial system of government in South Africa for many years now," said Mrs. Stewart. "I am leading this delegation of Canadians to reinforce the support of the Government and people of Canada for this election. We hope that our presence, along with that of other friends of South Africa, will contribute to a democratic electoral process."

Among the members of the observer team are Members of Parliament Jean Augustine, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Réginald Bélair, Senator Al Graham, Ovid L. Jackson, Peter Milliken, Maud Debien and Svend J. Robinson.

In addition to the bilateral mission, 75 Canadians will act as observers for the UN Mission in South Africa. Five Canadians will also join the Commonwealth Observer Group. As well, there are nearly 60 Canadians involved in observer activities mounted by Canadian and South African non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Ouellet noted that Canada has contributed to the operations of South Africa's Independent Electoral Commission and to the

work of the Goldstone Commission, which is charged with the investigation of violence. Canada has also provided assistance to a Commonwealth team that is training electoral officials and the South African National Peacekeeping Force, and to a UN team monitoring violence in South Africa. Canada's contribution to the South African election process is approximately \$5 million.

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CANADA-RUSSIA HOUSING PROJECT LAUNCHED

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and the Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) David C. Dingwall today launched a pilot program to take place in the region of Tver, northwest of Moscow, which is designed to help Russia develop a market-driven building industry, and to showcase Canadian housing construction techniques.

"Canada is committed to assisting economic reform in Russia. This project will involve training in business skills and housing construction techniques for former Russian military officers, and will demonstrate the effectiveness of Canadian-style building codes," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canadians are leaders in housing technology and construction. By sharing our expertise with the world, we open the door to untapped business opportunities for more Canadians," said Mr. Dingwall.

The pilot project is being financed in part through a grant of C\$340 000 from the Canadian Technical Co-operation Fund at the World Bank, which was established by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to support the participation of Canadians in activities associated with World Bank projects. CMHC will co-ordinate a team of government departments and private consultants to introduce Canadian wood-frame technology and Canadian entrepreneurial expertise to Russia.

Eight Canadian organizations pooled their resources and expertise to form "Team Canada: Housing in Russia." They hope to be joined by other Canadian companies that are willing to invest in the building materials supply system of Tver and donate equipment.

The Canadian pilot program is being undertaken with support in Russia from Tver Region, the City of Tver, and the Guaranty



Foundation of the Russian Ministry of Defence, and in Canada by the Canada-Russia Business Council and Canadian business interests.

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MACLAREN SIGNS THE URUGUAY ROUND FINAL ACT

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today in Marrakesh, Morocco, joined representatives from about 120 governments in signing the Final Act embodying the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Subject to approval by Parliament, Mr. MacLaren's signature indicates that Canada accepts fully the results of the Uruguay Round, the largest and most complex international trade negotiations ever undertaken.

"I cannot overstate the importance of this agreement," Mr. MacLaren said. "The Round establishes the World Trade Organization [WTO], giving Canada and the world community a powerful new vehicle to steer away from the old unilateral and protectionist habits of a few major countries. Canada played a critical role in proposing and developing the concept for the WTO. It will enable us to move in a new direction, where the principles of fairness and mutual advantage take on a new meaning. It is an achievement in which Canadians should take pride."

It is expected that the WTO and its constituent agreements will enter into force on January 1, 1995, providing that a sufficient number of countries have completed the necessary domestic approval process.

The WTO will administer strengthened dispute-settlement mechanisms, providing for a faster and more efficient system. It will integrate the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for goods with a new General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and an agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

The Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, said: "Overall, the Uruguay Round has been a success for Canadian businesses. It will provide increased access to foreign markets and help Canadian businesses to more fully realize their competitive potential. Industry Canada looks forward to working with Canadian businesses and industry sectors to take advantage of the many opportunities that will become available over the coming years as a result of this agreement."

Reiterating the importance that the government attaches to helping Canadian small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to expand their job-creating export business, Mr. MacLaren stressed that the multilateral trade negotiations "have produced significant tariff reductions and other measures that will greatly increase Canadian access to the rich European market and to the fast-growing markets of Asia-Pacific and Latin America. Canadian exporters, and SMEs in particular, should be able to broaden their export business by capitalizing fully on the results of the Uruguay Round and on the opportunities offered by these markets."

Canada and its trading partners have agreed to eliminate all tariffs in a number of key sectors and to reduce remaining tariffs by an average of one third over the next five to 10 years. Tariffs will be eliminated on all paper and paper products, pharmaceuticals, beer, some spirits, steel, construction equipment, agricultural equipment, medical equipment, office furniture and toys. Tariffs on chemical products and a wide range of non-ferrous metals will be reduced and harmonized at low rates.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, said: "Today's signing of the GATT agreement marks a new beginning for Canadian agriculture. This agreement will provide for a gradual reduction in trade-distorting export subsidies and ensure more secure access to markets around the world for Canadian producers and processors."

Mr. MacLaren also noted that the agreement improves Canada's opportunities to export to offshore markets through new rules governing subsidies and the use of countervailing actions.

A full description of the Uruguay Round agreement and its implications for Canada is available upon request.

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CANADA AND THE URUGUAY ROUND

For general information about the agreement and what it means for Canada, contact:

InfoCentre

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade,
Ottawa

Phone: (613) 944-4000
1-800-267-8376 (Toll-free)

Fax: (613) 996-9709

Note: Effective April 21, 1994, InfoCentre's new 24-hour on-line information retrieval system, FAXLINK, will also be available to provide GATT material. To access FAXLINK, dial (613) 944-4500 from a fax machine.

For information about Canada's schedule of new tariffs (which goes into effect on the implementation date of the World Trade Organization), contact:

International Tariff Affairs

Finance Canada, Ottawa

Phone: (613) 996-0169

Fax: (613) 995-3843

or the International Trade Centre in your province. In most provinces, the ITC is located in the federal Industry Canada office.

For information about foreign tariffs, contact:

Tariffs and Market Access Division

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade,
Ottawa

Phone: (613) 992-2177

Fax: (613) 992-6002

For fact sheets on how the agreement will affect various Canadian agriculture sectors, or for other information, call:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Phone: 1-800-668-1266

MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND AGREEMENT

The Uruguay Round was the largest, most complex and most comprehensive trade negotiation ever undertaken. By the conclusion of the negotiations on April 15, it included about 120 participating governments, more than twice the number in any of the previous seven rounds negotiated under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The final Uruguay Round package includes more than 25 separate agreements, all contained within a strengthened World Trade Organization (WTO).

Countries have made commitments to lower or eliminate tariffs and other barriers to trade. New areas have been brought into the ambit of world-trade rules, including intellectual property, trade-related investment and services.

A major achievement was the introduction of a common set of rules to govern trade in agriculture.

Strengthened trade rules, particularly on subsidies and countervailing duties, and a more effective system of dispute settlement will bring greater certainty to world trade in goods and services, currently valued at more than US\$4 trillion annually.

Agreement on the Uruguay Round will provide the impetus for economic growth, investment and jobs around the world.

For Canada, where one in five jobs is generated by exports, the Uruguay Round is an important achievement.

TARIFFS

One of the most important achievements of the Uruguay Round is the reduction or elimination of trade barriers (tariffs and non-tariff barriers) between countries. This opens markets further for Canadian exports -- especially to the rapidly growing Asia-Pacific and Latin American markets -- and cuts costs to consumers.

Canada and its major trading partners have agreed to broad-based tariff reductions averaging 40 percent or more on a wide range of industrial and resource products. Included in these packages of reductions is the total elimination of tariffs on the following product sectors: paper and paper products, pharmaceuticals, beer, brandies and whiskies, steel, construction equipment, agricultural equipment, medical equipment, office furniture and toys. For most of the products, duty-free entry will be achieved over periods of 5 or 10 years to allow for industry adjustment. Tariffs on chemicals and plastic products will be reduced and harmonized at low rates.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

The Agreement on Government Procurement commits signatories to open government purchases at the federal level to international competition. These purchases represent approximately US\$125 billion. It also provides for further negotiations, with the potential to expand market opportunities by a further US\$175 billion through coverage of state and provincial governments and government enterprises. The Agreement covers a wide range of goods and services, many of which are of export interest to Canadian manufacturers and providers of services.

The new Agreement broadens opportunities for procurement at the federal level by adding new departments, agencies and enterprises, and by expanding coverage to include services and construction.

For the first time, the Agreement has the potential to expand coverage to include departments, agencies and some enterprises at the state and provincial levels, subject in Canada to voluntary commitment by the provinces, to be confirmed over an 18-month period. The Agreement also provides for the expansion of the number of participating members. With these improvements, the value of the worldwide government procurement market being opened to Canadian manufacturers and suppliers could represent a tenfold increase in coverage over the existing GATT procurement agreement.

TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been strengthened in the Uruguay Round. The Agreement seeks to ensure that technical regulations and standards, and related testing and certification procedures, do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade. This and other provisions in the Agreement will ensure that Canadian exporters enjoy greater predictability in international markets.

However, the new agreement also recognizes that countries should not be prevented from taking measures necessary to protect human health or the environment, or from attaining other legitimate goals.

SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

The Uruguay Round contains a clear set of rules on subsidies and countervailing duties (penalties imposed in retaliation for unfair subsidies) -- a major objective for Canada in the Uruguay Round. The Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures contains, for the first time, an internationally agreed definition of subsidy. Certain categories or types of subsidies, for example, those for regional development, the environment, and research and development, will not be subject

to retaliatory duties, provided that they are administered in a way that is consistent with the Agreement. These disciplines will apply to federal and provincial governments equally.

The Agreement also sets the subsidy threshold at 1 percent, for the purposes of countervail, which means that, if the value of an imported product is found to contain a subsidy of less than 1 percent, the product will not be subject to a countervailing duty. Based on Canada's past experience with U.S. countervail action, this threshold will effectively exclude many Canadian subsidies at both the federal and provincial levels from U.S. retaliatory action.

The Uruguay Round agreement strengthens the existing GATT regime of safeguards by providing clearer rules governing the application of safeguard measures.

ANTI-DUMPING

Dumping is the sale of an imported commodity at a lower price than it is sold within the exporting country.

The Uruguay Round agreement contains a series of modifications to existing anti-dumping practices under the GATT, covering such matters as eligibility to file a complaint, a "sunset" clause limiting the duration of anti-dumping cases and more transparent procedures for conducting anti-dumping investigations. These changes will provide modest benefits to Canadian exporters, while preserving the right of Canadian industries to take action against injurious, foreign trading practices.

For North American trade, Canada expects to improve on these anti-dumping provisions, as well as on subsidy/countervail measures, through trilateral working groups.

TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES

The Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) deals with investment measures that have an adverse effect on trade. This agreement reaffirms that foreign governments cannot require enterprises to operate in a way that restricts or distorts trade as a condition of investment (for example, requiring them to use products of domestic origin in their production). Such measures must be eliminated within a defined time frame. The Agreement on TRIMS agreement will benefit Canadian companies with operations in other countries.

TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

As one of the areas being brought into the GATT for the first time, the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) contains the most comprehensive, global agreement to date on intellectual property.

The Uruguay Round agreement commits each government to protect and enforce intellectual property rights. It includes a set of standards in the areas of copyright, trademarks, geographical indications, integrated circuit designs and trade secrets. It also allows for access to the dispute-settlement provisions under the WTO. Effective protection of intellectual property will provide more certainty for the export of Canadian high-technology products and artistic works, and will also create a better investment climate in Canada for research and development facilities.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

The GATT rules on dispute resolution have been strengthened, and their operation streamlined, through the creation of an integrated dispute-settlement mechanism. Dispute resolutions will be accelerated, with a strict time limit established for conclusion of the process once it is under way. Other improvements to the rules will reduce the ability of any one member to block the adoption of a panel or appellate body report. Members also make a commitment to avoid using unilateral retaliation.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The Uruguay Round outcome includes an agreement that will establish the WTO, an international body that will replace the GATT Secretariat and will oversee and co-ordinate the original GATT agreements and all agreements concluded under the Uruguay Round. The WTO will be overseen by a ministerial conference at least every two years.

A General Council will be established to oversee the operation of the GATT and will include a Dispute Settlement Body and a Trade Policy Review Mechanism. The WTO will also co-ordinate the functioning of the Goods Council, the Services Council and the Intellectual Property Council.

This agreement also sets out proposals to increase the contribution of the GATT to the achievement of greater coherence in global, economic policy making. This requires co-operation with international monetary and fiscal organizations, especially with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

THE ENVIRONMENT

All countries participating in the Uruguay Round recognize the growing importance of the environment to global trade. The new agreements promote better use of resources, reduced incentives for farmers to overuse their lands, and the pursuit of environmental goals through programs that do not distort trade.

Canada maintains its ability to take action to protect its environment from damage caused by domestic or imported products and to set standards in accordance with its domestic environmental priorities.

Agreement has been reached on a work program that will focus on the relationship between trade and the environment following Marrakesh.

THE GATT AND THE NAFTA

The NAFTA, like the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA), aims to reduce or eliminate most of the barriers to trade within the free trade area. Such free trade areas are allowed under the GATT and are consistent with the GATT's primary goal of trade liberalization. Canada's trade with non-NAFTA countries will continue to be governed by the GATT rules, and Canadian tariffs on goods imported from non-NAFTA countries will be those agreed to in the Uruguay Round.

While the Uruguay Round mirrors many of the key provisions of the FTA and the NAFTA, it also addresses some of the unfinished business of both those agreements, including rules on agricultural trade, definition of subsidy, and rules governing the use of dumping and countervailing duties.

NEXT STEPS

Following the Canadian government's acceptance of the Uruguay Round results in Marrakesh, Morocco on April 15, the next step is to secure parliamentary approval of legislation to implement the agreement.

Consistent with the "single undertaking" agreed to by all participants at the beginning of the Round, Parliament will be asked to accept or reject the agreement in its entirety. Provincial governments may also have to modify certain laws and regulations in areas that are under their jurisdiction, particularly in the services sector.

The WTO will enter into force in 1995 (possibly January 1 or July 1).



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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES VISIT OF CHINESE VICE-PREMIER ZOU JIAHUA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that His Excellency Zou Jiahua, Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China, will make an official visit to Canada April 18 to 27.

The Vice-Premier will visit Vancouver April 18-19, Toronto April 20-23, Montreal April 24-25, and Ottawa April 26-27. The visit follows Mr. MacLaren's recent trade mission to China.

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, will meet with Vice-Premier Zou on April 27 in Ottawa and will also host a farewell luncheon in his honour.

Upon arrival in Vancouver, the Vice-Premier will be greeted by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia Pacific). During his visit, Mr. Zou will meet with British Columbia Premier Michael Harcourt, Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson.

The visit will focus on trade and economic relations between Canada and China, and will provide the opportunity to discuss other aspects of the bilateral relationship.

As the Vice-Premier with primary responsibility for infrastructure planning and development, Mr. Zou will hold talks with Mr. MacLaren on China-Canada co-operation. Discussions are expected to centre on co-operation in the key export sectors of telecommunications, electrical power generation and transmission, transportation, environment and financial services.

The Vice-Premier will also visit several leading Canadian companies.

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OUELLET TO SPEAK AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE JEAN MONNET CHAIR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTRÉAL

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet will deliver an address on Canada-Europe relations on April 25 at a University of Montréal symposium marking the establishment of the Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration. The University of Montréal is the first institution outside Europe to be awarded a Monnet Chair by the Commission of the European Communities.

"We have witnessed momentous changes in Europe in recent years, but through them all Canada's links with Europe have remained strong and important. The establishment of the Jean Monnet Chair is an opportunity to celebrate our past relationship and look to the future," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Jean Monnet Chair is named in honour of one of the principal architects of European unity. Its function is to foster the dissemination of information, professional training, university instruction and academic research on European integration.

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JEAN MONNET CHAIR IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The first Jean Monnet Chair outside Europe was awarded by the Commission of the European Communities to the University of Montreal in November 1993. The award was made with the aim of fostering in North America the dissemination of information, professional training, university instruction and academic research on European integration. The Chair will be a focus for expertise and reflection on the evolution of European integration and the attendant Euratlantic dialogue in the present era of the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Jean Monnet Chair will be domiciled in the University of Montréal's Faculté des Études supérieures and will be dedicated to the following broad, strategic pursuits: offering students specialized instruction on European integration at both the graduate and undergraduate levels; developing programs of professional training for public sector decision makers at the federal, provincial and local levels and for business executives and other representatives of the private sector such as lawyers, consultants and journalists; disseminating information to the general public by means of conferences and seminars; organizing foreign visits and educational exchange programs; establishing networks that encompass North American, especially Canadian, and European decision makers; furthering inter-university cooperation; and creating a framework for fruitful research, especially through encouraging academic exchanges involving outstanding Europeans and Europeanists and through providing opportunities for hosting visiting fellows.

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CANADA-EU POLITICAL RELATIONS

Canada and the European Union (EU) adopted a Declaration on EC-Canada Relations on November 22, 1990. The Declaration establishes principles of partnership and common goals for Canada and the European Union. It calls for regular consultations between the Canadian prime minister, his counterpart in the member state holding the EC presidency and the president of the European Commission. It also establishes regular consultations between the minister of foreign affairs, and counterparts from both the European Commission the member state holding the presidency. The Declaration complements the Canada-EC Agreement for Economic Co-operation, which was concluded in 1976. The EU has signed similar declarations with the United States and Japan.

The Declaration commits Canada and the EU to pursue certain common goals, including safeguarding peace and international security, promoting economic growth, price stability, a stable international financial system and market principles, and the provision of adequate support to developing countries and the new democracies of Eastern and Central Europe. Both sides agreed to consult on humanitarian, political and economic issues to ensure their efforts will have maximum effect.

The Declaration calls for increased scientific, economic and cultural co-operation. This is to include exchanges and joint projects in space, and research in medicine, environmental regulation, energy conservation and nuclear safety.

The Declaration provides for Canada and the EU and its member states to join efforts on transnational challenges, including the combatting and prevention of terrorism, the fight against drug trafficking, the protection of the environment, arms control, and migration and refugee issues.

There have been several meetings held at the ministerial and head of government level. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet met with EU President Jacques Delors in Brussels in January 1994 and in Ottawa in April. Prime Minister Chrétien, President Helmut Kohl and EU President Delors will meet again July 6, in Bonn.

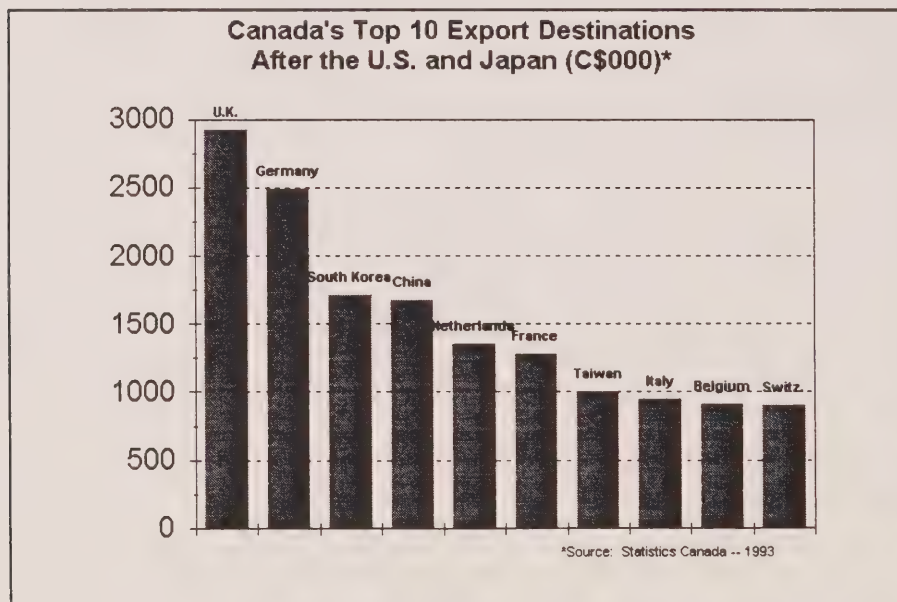
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CANADA AND EUROPE: A TRADING RELATIONSHIP

- Canada's merchandise trade with Europe as a whole last year was over \$32 billion, accounting for almost 10 percent of our exports and 12 percent of our imports.
- After the United States and Japan, seven of Canada's next 10 export destinations in 1993 were in Europe.
- Some 27 percent of direct foreign investment in Canada last year came from Europe, while Canadians invested almost \$22 billion in Europe.
- Raw materials accounted for only 17 percent of Canadian exports to the European Union (EU) in 1993. Over 75 percent of exported goods to the EU were fabricated materials and finished products.
- The EU is the world's largest importer, with imports from outside the EU of \$726 billion in 1992. If intra-EU imports are included, the total is around \$1.8 trillion.
- The United Kingdom is Canada's third-largest market for exports. It is an important market for Canadian primary products and a growing market for manufactured goods. In 1993, Canadian exports totalled \$2.8 billion, while Canadian imports from the U.K. were \$4.4 billion. Approximately 250 Canadian firms are established in the U.K.; over 650 British firms have subsidiaries in Canada.
- Germany ranks as Canada's fourth-largest trading partner, in both imports and exports, after the United States, Japan and the U.K. During the period 1989-1993, Canadian exports to Germany increased 23 percent, whereas imports decreased by 6.4 percent, significantly narrowing the trade deficit. Most of the export growth during this period is attributable to end products. Germany ranks as Canada's second-largest market for end products after the United States.
- The Netherlands is now Canada's seventh-largest export market and third-largest market in Europe, ahead of France and Italy. In 1993, two-way merchandise trade between Canada and the Netherlands amounted to over \$1.9 billion, with Canadian exports to the Netherlands exceeding \$1.3 billion. The Netherlands is the fifth most important source of direct foreign investment in Canada.
- France has the second-largest economy in the European Union after Germany, producing 20 percent of the EU's gross domestic product and 16 percent of its total exports. In 1993, France was Canada's eighth-largest trading partner based on merchandise exports, and sixth-largest trading partner in terms of imports.

- Italy was Canada's 10th-largest trading partner in 1993, with two-way trade amounting to over \$2.7 billion. Leading Canadian exports to Italy in 1993 included wood pulp, ores, wood and wood products, copper, iron and steel.
- Belgium is the EU's sixth-largest importer and Canada's fifth-largest market for wood and for seafood products. In 1993, Canadian merchandise exports to Belgium totalled \$912 million. Imports from Belgium to Canada amounted to \$501 million, making the country Canada's 11th-largest trading partner.
- In 1993 Norway was Canada's eighth-largest export market in Europe and Canada's largest trading partner among the Nordic states. The leading Canadian exports to Norway in 1993 were nickel, various base metals, copper, agricultural products, ores, vehicles and parts, machinery and equipment, fishery products, wood, and optical/precision equipment.
- Switzerland is the fourth most important economic partner for Canada in Europe. It ranks first in the amount of money brought into Canada by immigrants; second as a source of financing for our governments and corporations; fourth as a source of investment; fourth for the money spent by tourists; and fifth as a destination for Canadian exports. In 1993, Canadian exports to Switzerland totalled over \$904 million while imports from Switzerland reached \$666 million, making Switzerland Canada's 12th-largest trading partner.





EU-CANADA ROUNDTABLE ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Pursuant to the Transatlantic Declaration, which called for increased co-operation in education, research and training, the first European Union-Canada Roundtable on Education and Training was held in Saskatoon on October 15-16, 1992.

Participants agreed to share information on programs related to human resource development and competitiveness and to exchange information on databanks, their architecture and methodology. In addition, the agreement that the EU entered into with the United States in the field of higher education and training was seen as a potential model for further co-operation between Canada and the EU.

On July 12, 1993, Mr. Thomas O'Dwyer, Director General of the Task Force on Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth of the European Commission, extended an invitation to Canada to participate in a second Roundtable on Education and Training to be convened in Louvain, Belgium.

Canada, with representatives from the provinces, higher education and the federal government, participated in the Louvain Roundtable April 13-15, 1994. The Louvain Roundtable explored policy challenges confronting both Canada and Europe in the area of human resource development, higher education and training. The in-depth discussions revealed the value of strengthened co-operation between the EU and Canada and identified areas in which such co-operation would be especially beneficial. The importance of enhancing the policy dialogue, in accordance with the undertakings of the Transatlantic Declaration, was reiterated.

In addition, both sides expressed a readiness to examine additional ways in which co-operation in post-secondary education might be strengthened, thereby contributing to the promotion of greater mutual understanding, particularly with regard to human resource development and student mobility.

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EUROPEAN UNION FACT SHEET

POLITICAL DATA:

Capitals: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

Total area: 2 361 680 km²

Population: 346 million

Currency: European Currency Unit, ECU (March 1994 exchange rate: C\$1.00 = 0.63 ECU)

Languages: French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Dutch, Danish

National holiday: May 9, Schuman Day

Type of organization: Association of sovereign member states: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands (1958); Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom (1973); Greece (1981); Spain, Portugal (1986)

Rotating Council Presidency: 6 months

Jan.-June 1994 - Greece

July-Dec. 1994 - Germany

Jan.-June 1995 - France

President of Commission: Jacques Delors (France, since 1985)

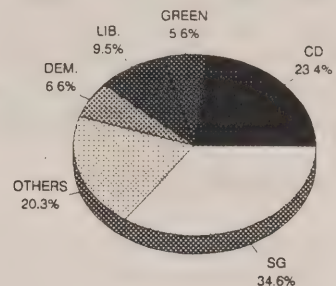
Commissioner for External Political Relations and Foreign Policy: Hans van den Broek (Netherlands)

Main political parties: Socialist Group (SG); European People's Party (Christian Democrats, CD); European Democratic Group (Conservatives, Dem.); Liberal & Democratic Reformist Group (Lib.); Green.

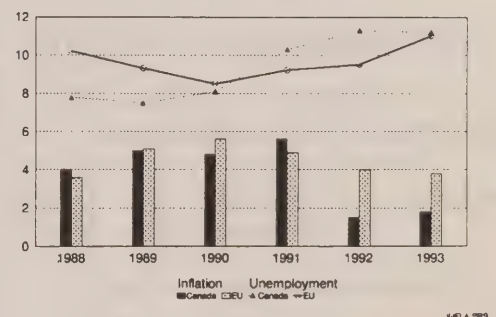
European Parliament: 518 members elected for 5 years. Distribution of seats: SG=179, CD=122, Dem.=34, Lib.=49, Green=29, Others=105.

Next elections: June 1994. There will be an additional 49 seats to reflect increased German population due to unification.

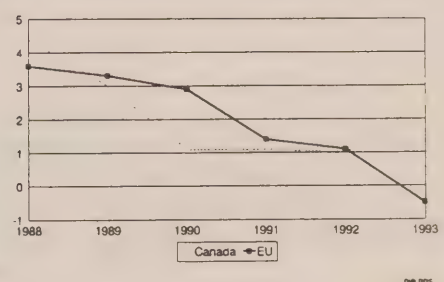
DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT CANADA / EU



GDP GROWTH RATE



ECONOMIC DATA:

Commissioner for External Economic Relations and Trade Policy:
Sir Leon Brittan (U.K.)

Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs: Henning
Christophersen (Denmark)

GDP: US\$6234 billion (est.)

GDP per capita: US\$18 012(est.)

GDP growth rate: -0.5% (1993/1992)

Unemployment rate: 11%

Inflation rate: 3.8%

Imports: US\$636 billion (1992); \$11.1 billion imported from Canada (1992)

Exports: US\$562.3 billion (1992); \$14.4 billion exported to Canada (1992)

Canadian direct investment in the EU: \$19.7 billion (1992)

EU direct investment in Canada: \$31.9 billion (1992)

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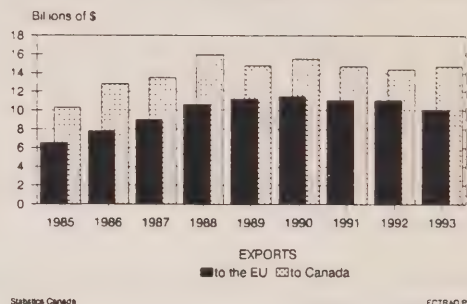
Brussels: Ambassador Gordon Smith
Mission established in 1973

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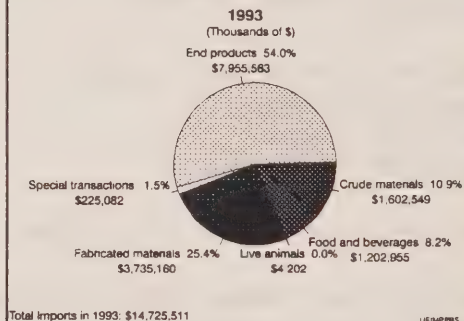
Ottawa: Ambassador John Beck
Mission established in 1976

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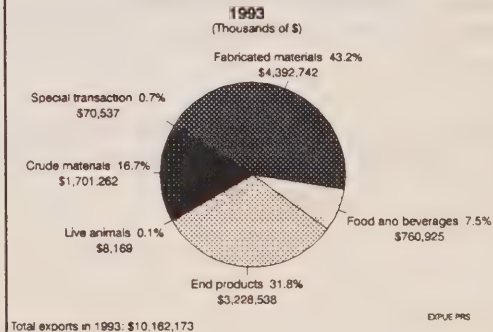
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CANADA'S EXPORTS TO THE EU



EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS

Council of Ministers:

- Brussels; the executive branch
- Minister from each member state, often foreign ministers or ministers responsible for the particular subject being dealt with at a given meeting;
- Heads of state/government meet twice annually as the "European Council" in "European Summits"; each member state chairs the Council for six months ("the presidency");
- Council ensures co-ordination of member states' general trade/economic policies, and has power to make decisions in implementing the objectives of the Community treaties.

European Commission:

- Brussels; the bureaucracy
- 17 commissioners, headed by the president, appointed for four-year terms by member states, entirely independent of their home governments and of the Council;
- Oversees the proper functioning and development of the common market, and has the right to initiate Community legislation;
- Council and Commission make regulations, issue directives, make decisions, make recommendations, or deliver opinions.

European Parliament:

- Strasbourg; the legislative branch
- 567 members (MEPs) directly elected in the member states for five-year terms; limited legislative role;
- Considers legislative proposals of the Commission and gives its opinion before the Council makes a decision;
- Plays a part in establishing the draft Community budget, has a final say on adoption or rejection of the draft, and keeps a watchful eye on the budget's implementation.
- The Maastricht Treaty gives the EP further powers by establishing a co-decision procedure over legislation between the EP and the Council; giving the EP a role in the appointment of the Commission; and requiring the assent of the EP in areas such as international agreements, uniform electoral system, citizenship, rules governing regional and social funds and amendments to the protocol dealing with the European system of central banks.

European Court of Justice:

- Luxembourg; the judicial branch
- 13 judges and 6 advocates-general appointed for six-year terms by agreement of the Council of Ministers;
- Upholds Community law in the implementation and interpretation of EC treaties and the rules set down by the Council or the Commission.

EUROPEAN UNION COMMISSIONERS

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Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi (Italy)	Single Market, Financial Services, Company Law



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CANADA RE-ELECTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomes Canada's re-election, for a third consecutive three-year term, to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. The election took place at the meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, yesterday in New York City.

Canada has played an active role in the development and strengthening of UN human rights principles and machinery. The Canadian government has placed particular emphasis on the evolution of effective UN human rights institutions, and played a prominent role in the creation of the new office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the recent establishment of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women.

The Commission is the key co-ordinating and policy body in the field of human rights within the UN system. It consists of representatives from 53 of the UN's member states.

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OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL PAYE TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Jean-Claude Paye, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will visit Ottawa, April 21-22.

Mr. Paye's program will include meetings with Mr. Ouellet, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, Gordon Thiessen, as well as with officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Department of Finance.

Canada is a founding member of the OECD, a forum that brings together 25 of the world's largest industrialized democracies. Members share information on their domestic economies and consult on approaches to international economic and trade issues. Mr. Jean-Claude Paye has served the OECD as Secretary-General for the past 10 years.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES CANADIAN VISIT OF ACCT SECRETARY-GENERAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that Mr. Jean-Louis Roy, Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT), will pay a working visit to Canada from April 24 to 26. During his Ottawa visit, Mr. Roy will meet with Prime Minister Chrétien and Minister Ouellet.

"These meetings will give us an opportunity to confirm our support for Mr. Roy and the extraordinary job of revitalization he has done since 1989, and to congratulate him on the vote of confidence given him by the whole international Francophone community in renewing his mandate for a second term," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Roy will have working sessions with Mr. Michel Dupuy, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, and with Mrs. Huguette Labelle, President of the Canadian International Development Agency. He will also pay a visit to the Francophone Information Bank, a major project generated by the first Francophone Summit in Paris, which has become a decentralized program of the ACCT and is headquartered in Heritage Canada.

Mr. Roy was elected to the position of Secretary-General of the ACCT at the December 1989 General Conference, held in Ottawa, and had his mandate renewed last December in Bamako, Mali. The ACCT, which is headquartered in Paris, is the only intergovernmental organization of la Francophonie and has 45 member states and participating governments.

Mr. Roy's Ottawa visit will be followed by visits to Quebec and New Brunswick, which have participating government status in the ACCT, where he will meet with provincial authorities.

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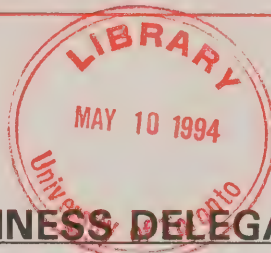
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MACLAREN TO LEAD BUSINESS DELEGATION TO KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will lead a high-level business delegation to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, April 25-28. The visit will undertake to expand trade and commercial opportunities for Canadian companies seeking to do business in both countries.

Accompanying Mr. MacLaren will be representatives of Canadian companies with business interests in the region. The companies are Bombardier Regional Aircraft, Canadian Commercial Corporation, Delta Catalytic Corporation, Export Development Corporation, Monenco-Agra, Northern Telecom, Oerlikon Aerospace Inc., SNC-Lavalin International Inc., Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. and Western Star Trucks.

Mr. MacLaren will hold discussions with the ministers of commerce in both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, as well as other ministers responsible for key industry sectors of interest to the Canadian mission participants. In addition, Mr. MacLaren will meet with leading Saudi business people, including representatives of the Saudi Council of Chambers of Commerce. In Kuwait, Mr. MacLaren will call on the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdulla Al-Sabah.

"Since the Gulf War, Canada and Kuwait have become important trading partners," Mr. MacLaren said. "Kuwait has growing interest in Canadian goods and services. Opportunities exist for Canadian firms in a number of sectors, including oil and gas, education, medical equipment, health care, telecommunications, security equipment, and consulting engineering services."

In the years preceding the Gulf War, Canadian exports to Kuwait averaged \$30 million. Actual Canadian exports of merchandise to Kuwait during 1991 and 1992 were at prewar levels. However, 1993 figures show a 24-percent increase over the previous year, reaching \$34 million. With continued promotional efforts by individual firms and Canadian government agencies, exports to Kuwait are expected to increase substantially in the immediate future.

"Saudi Arabia is our largest trading partner in the Middle East," Mr. MacLaren noted. "Last year, Canada exported \$658 million in goods to Saudi Arabia, an increase of 52 percent over 1992. This reflects a strengthening economic relationship between our two countries."

With one quarter of the world's proven oil reserves and a growing population, the outlook for continued long-term economic growth in Saudi Arabia is excellent, providing increasing market opportunities for Canadian businesses. Among the sectors demonstrating the greatest promise are aerospace, telecommunications, oil and gas, electric power distribution, mining and minerals, and food and food-processing equipment.

"Canadian firms are involved in and seeking new opportunities in these and other sectors. By helping to promote these new trade opportunities with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, we will help increase economic growth and job creation in Canada."

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Background

CANADA-KUWAIT TRADE RELATIONS

Canada and Kuwait enjoy good relations, characterized by strong and extensive trade and investment links. The most defining event of the relationship has been Canada's participation in the Gulf War, which thrust Canada into closer ties with Kuwait.

Prior to the Gulf War, and despite a falling-off since the years of the oil boom, trade with Kuwait was significant and increasing steadily. Annual exports averaged \$30 million and included lumber, paper products, industrial chemicals, automobiles and auto parts, asbestos, prepared foods and health products. In 1990, Canadian exports included substantial quantities of wheat and barley for the first time. In addition, a number of Canadian engineering consultants and service firms entered the market. In recent years, Kuwait has become an important source of investment capital for Canada.

Canadian exports to Kuwait in 1991 totalled \$335.9 million -- an increase that was largely a result of one large contract for leased aircraft. However, actual Canadian exports to Kuwait in 1991 and 1992 were at prewar levels. Trade figures for 1993 show a 24-percent increase over the previous year, reaching \$34 million.

Beyond these encouraging statistics, there is growing interest in Canadian goods and services and evidence that Canadian firms are slowly making headway in the market. More than 60 Canadian exporters have agents or company representatives in Kuwait, and Kuwait accounts for more than half of the estimated \$4.2 billion worth of projects being pursued by Canadian firms in the Gulf.

Substantial business has been generated by the Canadian service sector in such fields as oil-well servicing and firefighting, as well as by the leasing of five aircraft to Kuwait Airways. Contracts were signed in early 1991 for two drilling platforms that incorporate local design modifications. Opportunities in the oil sector that show further potential include the construction and supply of oil-gathering stations with pipeline, drilling and refinery components.

In addition to the oil sector, expenditures are pending in other sectors where Canada has proven export capability: education, medical equipment, health care, telecommunications, security equipment and consulting engineering services. Consumer products and food also hold promise.

Bilateral Trade
Canada-Kuwait Trade Account
 (\$ thousands)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Exports to Kuwait	20 743	34 283	335 882	27 527	34 177
Imports from Kuwait	<u>783</u>	<u>1 621</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12 119</u>	<u>2 312</u>
Balance	19 960	32 662	335 872	15 408	31 865

Background

CANADA-SAUDI ARABIA TRADE RELATIONS

Trade has dominated the Canada-Saudi bilateral relationship for many years, with Canada having achieved substantial commercial successes. Exports of goods and services totalled \$657.7 million in 1993, which, combined with purchases of \$532.8 million from Saudi Arabia, made it our largest trading partner in the Middle East.

Indications point to continued strong commercial ties. Canadian firms are involved in a range of activities, including electric power distribution, rural electrification, agricultural projects, mineral exploration, computerization and communications. In addition, Saudi Arabia is Canada's largest barley market. Some 5000-6000 Canadians are currently in the Kingdom working for Canadian, other foreign or Saudi firms.

Saudi awareness of Canadian technological competence has been heightened through exposure to Canadian expertise in the telecommunications field and is evident from the priority placed on educational co-operation with Canada. Areas of co-operation in training and education include journalism, law, medicine and air-traffic control. Over 400 Saudi students are currently studying in Canada.

Canadian commercial prospects in Saudi Arabia are good. Saudi Arabia has the largest proven oil reserves in the world (25 percent of world reserves), is the largest exporter of oil and is third in oil production behind the former Soviet Union and the United States. Recent economic data, as well as a growing population, suggest an excellent outlook for continued long-term economic growth. This outlook means increased market opportunities for Canadian businesses.

Beyond oil and gas, a number of other sectors also hold potential for Canadian companies. Canada has already played a substantial and respected role in the development of Saudi Arabia's telecommunications sector, and opportunities continue to exist for Canadian companies in this field. Other sectors showing promise are aerospace, electric power distribution, mining and minerals, and food and food-processing equipment.

Bilateral Trade
Canada-Saudi Arabia Trade Account
(\$ thousands)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Exports to Saudi Arabia	337 220	273 466	275 791	432 046	657 740
Imports from Saudi Arabia	<u>253 248</u>	<u>634 718</u>	<u>539 589</u>	<u>542 186</u>	<u>532 868</u>
Balance	83 972	(361 252)	(263 789)	(110 140)	124 872



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GOVERNOR GENERAL PAYS STATE VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay a state visit to the People's Republic of China from April 24 to April 29, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries.

The visit underlines the importance Canada places on strengthened political and economic relationships within the Asia-Pacific community, Canada's largest and most active area for source of trade outside North America. China, in particular, is a growing superpower whose future development will have considerable impact in areas of concern to Canada, including international disarmament, the environment, the development of democratic and legal institutions, and regional security. Economic exchanges have become increasingly important to both countries, as Canada has particular technical expertise matching China's infrastructure needs in key sectors of telecommunications, oil and gas, hydro power and transportation. The further development of trade in agricultural commodities and related technologies is a particular priority of the Government of Canada.

On Monday, April 25, the Governor General will meet with His Excellency President Jiang Zemin to discuss issues of mutual concern to the two countries, including trade, investment and recent political developments in the region.

On April 26, the Governor General will deliver a speech to faculty and students at Qinghua University in Beijing. He will also visit a telecommunications facility developed with the assistance of Spar Aerospace and the Government of Canada. In the evening, His Excellency will attend a concert by Canada's Oliver Jones Trio. The next day, the Governor General will travel to Shanghai where he will address the Shanghai business community and tour a Canadian investment showcase. On Thursday, April 28, he will address faculty and students at Jiatong University, and that evening will attend a concert by the Oliver Jones Trio. An outline of the Governor General's program is attached.

During the visit, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food will hold bilateral meetings with his Chinese counterparts, and business and industry leaders and business people. The Minister will promote awareness of Canada's capacity as a supplier of high-quality agri-food products, as well as Canadian advances in food-processing, food-handling and marketing abilities. He and members of the agricultural delegation will pursue the development of joint opportunities between Canada and China in the Asia-Pacific region.

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STATE VISIT TO CHINA, APRIL 24- 29 1994

Program Highlights

Monday, April 25

- 12:30 p.m. Arrival at Beijing International Airport.
- 2:15 p.m. Visit to the Forbidden City.
- 5:00 p.m. Official welcoming ceremony, Great Hall of the People.
- 5:20 p.m. Meeting with His Excellency President Jiang Zemin, President of the People's Republic of China.
- 6:30 p.m. State dinner hosted by His Excellency Jiang Zemin in the Diaoyutai.

Tuesday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. The Governor General will receive an honorary degree from Qinghua University, Beijing, and will address the guests.
- 1:00 p.m. Visit to Spar Aerospace, Beijing.
- 7:30 p.m. Concert by the Oliver Jones Trio, 21st Century Theatre.

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:40 a.m. Departure from Beijing International Airport for Shanghai.
- 10:35 a.m. Arrival at Shanghai International Airport.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon address to the Shanghai business community, Portman Hotel, Shanghai.
Tour of a Canadian investment showcase, Portman Hotel.
- 3:45 p.m. Visit to the waterfront.
- 6:30 p.m. Meeting with the Mayor of Shanghai at Jin Jiang Guest House, Shanghai.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Shanghai at Jin Jiang Guest House.

Thursday, April 28

- 2:00 p.m. Address to faculty and students of Jiaotong University.
- 7:00 p.m. Concert by the Oliver Jones Trio at the Shangri-la Plaza Theatre.

Friday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. Depart for Shanghai International Airport.



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OUELLET ANNOUNCES VISIT TO CANADA OF NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of New Zealand, Donald McKinnon, will pay an official visit to Canada on April 25 and 26. While in Ottawa, Mr. McKinnon will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien as well as with Mr. Ouellet.

"These visits will give us an opportunity to exchange viewpoints on numerous issues of common interest, such as the Asia-Pacific region and the Commonwealth," said Mr. Ouellet. "Since New Zealand currently occupies the presidency of the United Nations Security Council, we will also be discussing crucial issues such as the situation in Bosnia."

Mr. McKinnon will also have working sessions with Defence Minister David Collenette, Deputy Prime Minister and Environment Minister Sheila Copps, Government House Leader and Solicitor General Herbert Gray, and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan.

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTION TO EAST/WEST ENTERPRISE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a contribution to support York University's East/West Enterprise Exchange Program as part of the Government's continuing efforts to support economic reform in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The technical assistance project will provide management and business development training to business representatives from the region.

"The private sector will act as the engine for economic growth in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. This program provides critical business management training to support the region's emerging private sector, and to promote enhanced Canadian trade and investment links with the region," said Mr. Ouellet.

Over the course of the three-year project, to which the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will contribute \$2.7 million, 120 business delegates annually will complete a seven-week training program in Canada. The program will consist of business management training at York University's Faculty of Administrative Studies, working internships with Canadian corporate sponsors, and the preparation of business plans or joint-venture proposals in co-operation with corporate sponsors. Trainees will be drawn from Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Poland, Hungary, Romania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the Baltic States. Canadian project partners include the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, York University and various corporate sponsors.

The project is part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program for Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program is designed to support the transition to a market-based economy, promote democratic development and increase Canadian trade and investment links with the region. More than \$25 million has been committed to date in support of some 40

regional projects in the priority sectors of private-sector development, democratization and good governance, health and agriculture.

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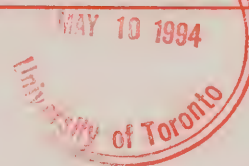
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CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment, Clifford Lincoln, MP, will lead the Canadian delegation at the high-level segment of the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in Bridgetown, Barbados, May 5-6. The Ambassador for the Environment, John Fraser, PC, QC, will lead the Canadian delegation from April 25 to May 4. The Conference opens April 25 and concludes May 6.

"I welcome the opportunity to lead the Canadian delegation to the Barbados Conference. Sustainable development requires international co-operation, and I am confident that this conference will result in the adoption of a practical and implementable program of action that responds to the particular environmental challenges faced by island states," Mr. Lincoln said.

Convened by the UN General Assembly as a follow-up to the June 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), this conference is being held in recognition of the fact that small island developing states face unique environmental and developmental challenges. Many consider the conference to be the first major test of the international community's commitment to following up on UNCED.

The conference is expected to result in the endorsement of the Barbados Declaration, a document outlining key principles for the sustainable development of small island developing states and a detailed program of action setting out measures to be taken at the national, regional and international levels.

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CANADA TO HOST MEETING ON UN PEACEKEEPING

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will host a meeting April 29 to May 1, 1994, to support the United Nations (UN) efforts to strengthen its ability to plan, mount and conduct peacekeeping operations. The event will bring together senior UN officials and representatives of 23 UN member states.

"Peacekeeping is an important element of Canadian foreign policy, and we have been a leader in international efforts to strengthen UN peacekeeping. This meeting will help the UN realize its long-term strategy for improvement in this crucial area of international peace and security," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet added that participants will not focus on specific peacekeeping missions, but rather the overall political and institutional framework within which peacekeeping is conducted.

The meeting comes as a response to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's call for member states to participate in UN peacekeeping reforms. Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Koffie Annan, and Major-General Maurice Baril, the Military Advisor to the United Nations for Peacekeeping Operations, will attend. The meeting will be co-chaired by Department of Foreign Affairs Assistant Deputy Minister Gaétan Lavertu and Department of National Defence Associate Deputy Minister Major-General Jean Boyle.

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GOVERNOR GENERAL TO VISIT HONG KONG

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay an official visit to Hong Kong from April 29 to May 2, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries.

Hong Kong has become a major source of Canadian immigration and investment in recent years. The Governor General's visit highlights the value Canada places upon the dynamic Hong Kong market, and underlines Canada's support for Hong Kong during the period of transition leading to 1997. The Government of Canada is committed to helping ensure Hong Kong's long-term stability and prosperity.

While in Hong Kong, the Governor General will meet with His Excellency Christopher Patten to discuss issues of mutual concern and recent developments in the region. The Governor General will speak at a luncheon with members of the Legislative Council and address a major conference on trade and investment relations among Canada, China and Hong Kong. His Excellency will also lay a wreath in memory of the Canadians who died in defence of Hong Kong during the Second World War. In addition, the Governor General will attend special functions with the Chinese-Canadian Association in recognition of the strong personal relationships that bind Hong Kong and Canada. A summary of the Governor General's program is attached.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food's program will include bilateral meetings with his government counterparts, industry leaders and private business people. The Minister will promote awareness of Canada's capacity as a supplier of high-quality agri-food products, as well as Canadian advances in food-processing, food-handling and marketing abilities. He and



members of the agricultural delegation will pursue the development of joint opportunities between Canada and Hong Kong in the Asia-Pacific region.

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VISIT TO HONG KONG, APRIL 29- MAY 2, 1994

Program Highlights

Friday, April 29

- 10:45 a.m. Arrival at Kai Tak Airport, Hong Kong.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon address to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.
- 3:30 p.m. Meeting with His Excellency Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, at Government House.
- 7:30 p.m. Address to the Chinese-Canadian Association and the Canadian Alumni Associations, at the Parkview Hotel.

Saturday, April 30

Private time.

Sunday, May 1

- 9:10 a.m. Presentation to Lt. Commander Lore at Government House.
- 10:00 a.m. Wreath-laying ceremony at Saiwan Military Cemetery.
- 12:10 p.m. "Great Canadian Picnic" with 600 members of the Canadian-Chinese community at Stanley Fort.
- 8:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by Governor and Mrs. Patten at Government House.

Monday, May 2

- 12:30 p.m. Keynote luncheon address to the Canada-Hong Kong-China Investment Week Conference, Grand Hyatt Hotel.
- 2:20 p.m. Depart for Kai Tak Airport.



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OUELLET CONGRATULATES SOUTH AFRICANS ON CONDUCT OF ELECTION

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today congratulated the people of South Africa on the historic occasion of their first truly democratic election. Preliminary assessments from Canadian observers, as well as observer missions from the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the European Union and the Organization for African Unity indicate that, despite certain incidents, the balloting was essentially conducted in a free and fair manner.

"The road to this election has been long and hard. These positive assessments are a testimony to the commitment and courage of the people of South Africa. Whatever the results of the election may turn out to be, South Africans can take pride in their magnificent achievement. On behalf of the people of Canada, I congratulate them on their entry to the community of free and democratic peoples," said Mr. Ouellet.

Some 180 Canadians travelled to South Africa to observe the election, including an official Canadian delegation lead by Mrs. Christine Stewart, Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.

"Earlier today I spoke by telephone with Mrs. Stewart in Pretoria. She assures me that despite some difficulties, the election was properly conducted, and therefore the results will reflect the will of the people of South Africa. I also took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Stewart, the Canadian team and all other Canadians in South Africa, for working so hard to ensure that the election took place as it did," Mr. Ouellet added.

The South African Independent Electoral Commission is expected to announce official election results within days. On May 6, the new South African parliament will meet to elect the new President of South Africa, who will be inaugurated on May 10.

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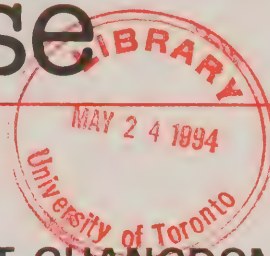


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GOVERNOR GENERAL TO VISIT GUANGDONG

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay an official visit to the Province of Guangdong in the People's Republic of China from May 2 to May 3, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries.

The visit is being held in conjunction with a major trade initiative by the Government of Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, which has helped organize a Canada-Hong Kong-China Week within the framework of the Pearl River Delta Festival.

During the visit, the Governor General will meet with His Excellency Zhu Senlin, Governor of Guangdong Province. On Tuesday, May 3, His Excellency will address faculty and students at Zhongshan University. Later that morning he will cut the ribbon inaugurating a new packet switching service developed by Northern Telecom. The Governor General will then speak at the opening of the National Conference on Hospital Management and Services. That evening he will address the guests at a dinner hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. A summary of the Governor General's program is attached.

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VISIT TO THE PROVINCE OF GUANGDONG, MAY 2-3, 1994

Program Highlights

Monday, May 2

- 3:50 p.m. Arrival at Guangzhou, Baiyun International Airport.
- 6:30 p.m. Meeting with His Excellency Zhu Senlin, Governor of Guangdong Province, at the White Swan Hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner hosted by His Excellency Zhu Senlin at the White Swan Hotel.

Tuesday, May 3

- 9:45 a.m. Address to faculty and students of Zhongshan University.
- 11:00 a.m. Visit to Northern Telecom facility. The Governor General will cut the ribbon celebrating completion of the new Packet Data Network System.
- 3:00 p.m. The Governor General will address the opening of the National Conference on Hospital Management and Services, White Swan Hotel.
- 4:15 p.m. Recording of remarks for broadcast on the Guangdong Television Network.
- 7:00 p.m. Address to guests at a dinner hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong in connection with Canada-Hong Kong-China Investment Week and the Pearl River Delta Festival, China World Hotel.



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OUELLET WELCOMES SIGNING OF ISRAEL-PLO AGREEMENT ON PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomed the signing in Cairo today of the Agreement on Palestinian Autonomy in Gaza and Jericho by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

"This agreement marks a major milestone on the long road to peace in the Middle East," said Mr. Ouellet. "It is eloquent testimony to the courage and leadership of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat."

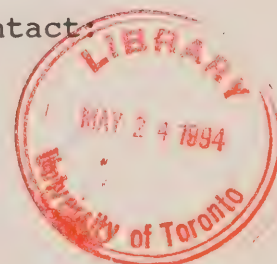
The Minister lauded the vision and tenacity of the Egyptian Government and of the Madrid Conference co-sponsors, the United States and Russia, in helping to bring this agreement about. Mr. Ouellet added that Canadians hope it will create a new dynamic for peace. He expressed the wish that similar progress will be achieved soon in the other bilateral negotiations, to pave the way for a durable peace throughout the region.

The Minister pledged continued Canadian support for the Middle East peace process, both bilateral and multilateral, including the Refugee Working Group that Canada chairs. The Working Group holds its next meeting in Cairo, May 10-12.

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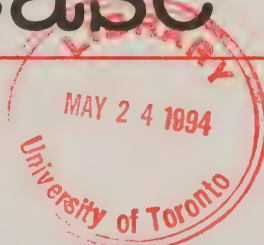


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MACLAREN ESTABLISHES TASK FORCES TO ADVISE ON TRADE ISSUES

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today the establishment of three permanent task forces of the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) to provide in-depth advice on trade issues. The new task forces are on trade policy, international business development and trade and the environment.

The ITAC Task Force on Trade Policy will examine domestic and international factors that affect Canada's international competitiveness and recommend how Canada can best address these issues within the multilateral trading system.

The ITAC Task Force on International Business Development will examine Canada's performance in the global economy and the challenges, plans and initiatives of both industry and government in promoting international business expansion. It will make specific recommendations to improve Canada's competitiveness.

The ITAC Task Force on Trade and the Environment will examine factors that affect the achievement and reconciliation of Canadian trade and environmental objectives.

"Canadians need to co-operate and work toward a common agenda to meet the competitive challenges of the global economy," Mr. MacLaren said. "These new task forces will be instrumental in building a consensus on the progressive and outward-looking approach we need to defend and promote Canada's interests."

The task forces will complement the existing advisory committee system that is composed of the ITAC and 15 Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs).

The ITAC and SAGITs report to the Minister to ensure that the Government has the benefit of private sector views in its deliberations on trade issues.

Each task force comprises members of the ITAC and SAGITs as well as other representatives of industry, labour, business, academia

and environmental organizations. The term of membership extends to September 1995.

The task forces, which held an inaugural meeting in Toronto today, will meet several times a year to consider issues and questions that fall within their mandates.

Marie Josée Drouin, Director General of the Hudson Institute, Montreal, is chairperson of the Task Force on Trade Policy. The Task Force on International Business Development is chaired by Derrick Rowe, President of NEWEast Wireless Inc., St. John's. Gary Nash, Secretary-General of the International Council on Metals and the Environment, Ottawa, is chairperson of the Task Force on Trade and the Environment.

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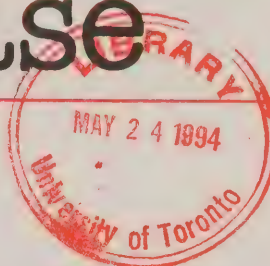


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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE CANADA-UNITED STATES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEER

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that Canada and the United States have successfully concluded consultations under the Memorandum of Understanding on Provincial Beer Marketing Practices (MOU).

"I am pleased that these consultations have been concluded successfully and that the MOU will remain in operation," Mr. MacLaren said. "This will allow cross-border trade in beer to continue unhindered."

Through the consultations, Canada and the United States have come to an agreement on the terms of access for U.S. beer sold in the Quebec market. Under these terms, access will be provided to more than 12 000 points of sale, including convenience and corner stores, where most beer is sold in Quebec. A new annex to the MOU sets out specific understandings related to such issues as transportation and distribution of U.S. beer.

In the case of British Columbia, both countries have agreed to modifications in warehousing requirements that will facilitate the distribution of U.S. beer sold in that market.

"We have worked very closely with the provinces throughout these consultations," Mr. MacLaren noted. "We look forward to ongoing co-operation with them to ensure that the MOU continues to operate effectively."

The consultations also covered U.S. concerns about the application of minimum price systems in certain provinces. Canada and the United States have agreed to discuss this issue further in the future.

The two countries also discussed their dispute under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) regarding the anti-dumping duties applied by Canada against exports of U.S. beer into British Columbia. It was agreed that, in order to address this

matter, the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, would request a review of the anti-dumping duties by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) under Section 76 of the Special Import Measures Act.

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Background

CANADA-U.S. DISPUTE ON CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BEER MARKETING PRACTICES

- In May 1990, the H.G. Heileman Brewing Company submitted a petition to the U.S. Trade Representative under the U.S. Trade Act of 1974 (as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988). Subsequently, the Stroh Brewery Company filed a similar petition targeted at the province of Ontario. These petitions alleged unfair practices relating to the listing, pricing and distribution of beer.
- In response to these petitions, the U.S. initiated GATT dispute settlement proceedings and requested GATT Article XXIII.1 consultations with Canada, which took place on July 20, 1990.
- On December 12, 1990, the U.S. requested the GATT contracting parties in Geneva to establish a GATT panel to examine the listing, pricing and distribution practices of provincial liquor boards with respect to beer.
- The panel provided its findings to Canada and the U.S. on September 18, 1991. The panel found several provincial measures related to the pricing, distribution and sale of beer to be inconsistent with the General Agreement.
- On March 31, 1992, Canada advised the contracting parties of measures the provinces would be taking to ensure compliance with the GATT. A timetable for the changes was also provided. The U.S. objected to the proposals, regarding them as too limited, and to the amount of time allowed for their introduction (up to three years).
- On April 25, 1992, Canada and the U.S. reached an agreement-in-principle in which Canadian provinces undertook to implement certain measures in exchange for the withdrawal by the U.S. of the threat of retaliatory action.
- Subsequent to the agreement-in-principle, the U.S. objected to changes to the pricing system in the province of Ontario. On July 24, the U.S. imposed a surtax of 50 percent *ad valorem* on imports of Canadian beer brewed in Ontario. In response, Canada imposed a matching duty on imports of Stroh and Heileman beer into Ontario.
- In May 1993, negotiations with the U.S. were resumed. At these discussions, a proposal was presented for granting foreign beer access to the Brewers' Retail network of stores

in Ontario and offered significant adjustments to the pricing system in an effort to respond to U.S. concerns.

- On August 5, 1993, Canada and the United States reached final agreement in the Canada-U.S. beer dispute, thus resolving the issues arising out of the GATT panel report, and put into place the Memorandum of Understanding on Provincial Beer Marketing Practices (MOU).
- In December 1993, the United States requested consultations to discuss Quebec's intention to introduce a minimum price for beer.
- These consultations began on February 3, 1994, and were held in conjunction with a previously planned review of the MOU. At the consultations, the United States raised concerns about the MOU's implementation in several provinces, focussing on British Columbia and Quebec. Officials from both these provinces took part in discussions.
- On April 29, 1994, consultations ended successfully with an exchange of letters that addressed U.S. concerns and detailed specific measures to be taken by Quebec and British Columbia.

Backgrounder

GATT PANEL ON DUMPING OF U.S. BEER INTO BRITISH COLUMBIA

- In October 1991, following a complaint by Canadian beer producers, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) found that certain U.S. beer exported to British Columbia had been causing and was likely to continue to cause material injury to the production of beer in British Columbia.
- Subsequently, on June 3, 1992, the United States requested the establishment of a Panel under Article 15:5 of the GATT Anti-Dumping Code to review the CITT determination.
- On February 15, 1994 the Panel's decision was released confidentially to Canada and the United States to provide the two Parties with time to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution to this dispute.
- As a result of bilateral consultations, Canada and the United States agreed, on April 29, 1994, that a review by the CITT of the 1991 decision under Section 76 of the Special Import Measures Act would constitute a mutually satisfactory solution to the matter.
- The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, will be requesting the CITT to undertake such a review.

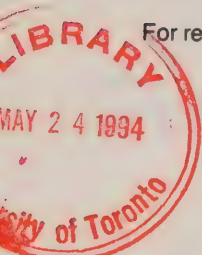


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IMPLEMENTATION OF CANADA-MEXICO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Natural Resources Minister Anne McLellan today announced the twinning of two model forest projects in Mexico with the Canadian Model Forest network. The twinning is part of Canada's International Model Forests Program announced by Canada at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. Mexico was the first to join Canada as a partner in this program, followed by Russia.

"International forest issues are an environmental foreign policy priority for Canada. The twinning of projects between Canada and Mexico is a clear indication that co-operation between countries on difficult sustainable development issues is key to their resolution," Mr. Ouellet said.

"The search for models of sustainable forest management is a common goal of many countries. By working together on the definition of practical, working level approaches to sustainable forest management, both our countries will benefit," Ms. McLellan added.

The Calakmul Model Forest, with an area of approximately 600 000 ha, is located in the southwest of Campeche State and includes the largest remaining area of tropical rainforest in Mexico. This project will be twinned with the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, which stretches from Ottawa to Cornwall and Brockville. The Forêt habitée project in the Lower Saint Lawrence region of Quebec will also provide technical expertise to the twinning. The three sites share common interest in the relationship between agriculture and forestry, conservation of wildlife habitat, and development of rural economy.

The second project is a 105 000 ha model forest located in the state of Chihuahua, in the northern part of the Western Sierra Madre Mountains. This project will be twinned with the Foothills Forest located in west-central Alberta, adjacent to Jasper National Park. Both of these model forests share a mountainous terrain covered with forests of pine, a critical focus on

watershed management, ecotourism, wildlife conservation, and application of new information technologies to forest management.

Funding for the International Model Forests Program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget, under the Green Plan International Partnerships Fund. The Mexican model forest projects will receive an annual contribution of approximately \$500 000 each, for the next three years. The Mexican government will provide matching funds for the two model forest projects.

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VISIT OF UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Ambassador Madeleine Albright, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, will make an official visit to Ottawa on May 9.

Ambassador Albright will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Minister Ouellet, and officials of the Department of National Defence and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Discussions will focus on issues of common interest to the United States and Canada that are before the United Nations, including Haiti, the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, peacekeeping, and the reform of the United Nations.

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CANADA WELCOMES UN DECISION TO STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS ON HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the passage of a United Nations (UN) Security Council resolution that will impose a comprehensive trade embargo on Haiti. The embargo, which excludes food and medicines for humanitarian purposes, will come into effect on May 21, 1994.

"Canada has maintained consistently that a total, universally applied embargo on Haiti is necessary to force the military and *de facto* authorities to step down. I am greatly encouraged by the decision of the Security Council," said Mr. Ouellet.

In October 1993, Canada reimposed a UN oil, arms and assets embargo on Haiti. The new UN resolution will broaden these sanctions to include all goods traded with Haiti. Canada is already enforcing the comprehensive trade sanctions recommended by the Organization of American States (OAS).

Canada has provided almost \$40 million in humanitarian assistance to the Haitian people since the beginning of the crisis.

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QUELLET SUPPORTS RWANDA MISSION BY UN HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICIAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called for a special emergency session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the crisis in Rwanda. This follows the decision of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Jose Ayala Lasso, to undertake a mission this weekend to Rwanda and Burundi.

"Canada supports the High Commissioner's initiative. We believe that the protection of human rights must be central to the UN's response to this terrible tragedy," said Mr. Ouellet.

Principal responsibility for UN action in Rwanda remains with the Security Council, and Canada has indicated its support for an expanded effort by the Council. Mr. Ayala Lasso will review prospects for creating a UN human rights monitoring presence in conjunction with any broader operation mandated by the Security Council.

On the Minister's instructions, Canadian representatives in Geneva formally called for a special emergency session of the Commission on Human Rights to hear the High Commissioner's report on his mission. Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York will also urge members of the Security Council to give early consideration to the report.

Canada was instrumental in securing the creation in December 1993 of the new office of High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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ICRC PRESIDENT TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), will visit Ottawa, May 9-11. During his visit, Dr. Sommaruga will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Minister Ouellet, and Sergio Marchi, Minister for Citizenship and Immigration.

Dr. Sommaruga will also hold meetings with Huguette Labelle, President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), as well as with other officials from CIDA, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Department of National Defence.

Canada is a strong supporter of the ICRC's humanitarian aid activities and goals. Over the last five years, Canada has contributed almost \$93 million in response to the ICRC's emergency appeals. The attached background document provides more details on Canada's contributions to the ICRC.

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Background

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ICRC

Canada has always responded generously to special appeals for humanitarian aid launched by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Over the past five years, Canada's contributions have totalled almost \$93 million, reaching a peak of over \$32 million during the 1992-93 fiscal year. Canada also contributes to the headquarters costs of the ICRC in Geneva. In 1993, Canada provided \$1.5 million.

Most of the Canadian contribution is supplied by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The funds are used to finance the ICRC's activities in the developing countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. In addition, over the past three years, the Central and Eastern Europe Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has made contributions to ICRC programs and special appeals in Europe.

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1994, CIDA contributed over \$11 million to ICRC appeals. Of this amount, nearly \$4 million went to Asia, in particular to finance protection and tracing operations and provide emergency aid and medical care in Afghanistan; to establish blood banks, provide medical care and emergency aid, and reunite families dispersed by the Cambodian conflict; to visit and provide medical and material assistance to detainees and set up a public health program in East Timor; and, to support the emergency assistance program in Sri Lanka.

The countries of Africa were the second-largest beneficiaries of our contribution to the ICRC last year, receiving nearly \$3 million. Among ICRC activities supported by Canada were the medical and humanitarian assistance program in Burundi; the visiting of detainees and prisoners, and the provision of medicine, health care and emergency aid to victims of the conflict in Liberia; the provision of emergency food aid to Somalia; the protection of civilians, tracing of missing persons, dissemination of information and provision of medical and humanitarian assistance in Sudan; and, in Zaire, visits to detention centres, provision of emergency aid, and establishment of facilities for sanitation and for observing the situation of persons displaced by the conflict.

Contributions for the Middle East totalled \$1.8 million in 1993-94. Of this, \$300 000 was devoted to the program of protection and medical assistance for the victims of the Lebanese conflict. The remainder of Canada's contribution was used to support the ICRC program to protect civilian populations in the

Occupied Territories, for the tracing of missing persons, and for medical assistance.

CIDA contributed \$1.1 million for ICRC programs in Latin America last year, \$350 000 of which went to Colombia, and \$750 000 to Peru. These contributions helped to support the program for visiting political prisoners in the two countries, to provide transportation for the families of prisoners, to protect civilians from political violence and human rights violations, to provide medical and emergency aid, and to educate the security forces and the armed opposition concerning international humanitarian law.

The Foreign Affairs and International Trade Department's contribution to the ICRC for Central and Eastern Europe last year consisted of \$2 125 000 in response to a special ICRC appeal to help the former Yugoslavia, and \$250 000 for activities in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The funds were used mainly to purchase high-protein food and to provide emergency humanitarian assistance for the victims of fighting in these regions, as well as to send Canadians to work in ICRC operations in Bosnia.

In April 1994, Canada provided \$300 000 in support of the ICRC's emergency assistance program for medical, relief and protection activities in Rwanda. On May 2, Canada announced a \$2 million contribution in emergency food aid to victims of the conflict in Rwanda. The food aid will be channelled through the ICRC to feed Rwandan refugees in Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire, as well as those internally displaced in Rwanda.



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MACLAREN AND MARTIN ANNOUNCE EXTENSION OF GENERAL PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, today announced that Canada will extend the General Preferential Tariff (GPT) to imports from South Africa.

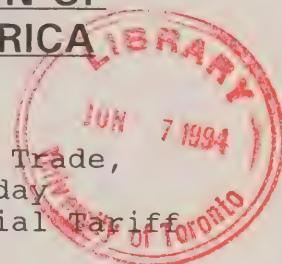
"The encouraging results of the multi-party elections, and today's inauguration of President Nelson Mandela, will allow us to further strengthen our bilateral trade relations with the democratically elected Government of South Africa," Mr. MacLaren said. "The extension of GPT status demonstrates our commitment to building stronger economic and commercial ties with South Africans."

"Extending the GPT to South Africa will help make possible South Africa's integration into the open international economy," Mr. Martin said. "It will not only help South Africa to expand its exports, but could help Canadian manufacturers find new sources of supply."

The GPT is a system of tariff preferences for imports from developing countries. First introduced in 1974, the GPT is part of an international effort by industrialized countries to assist developing countries and economies in transition in expanding their exports, and thus encourage their economic development.

Application of the GPT reduces the rate of duty paid on eligible imports from South Africa by at least 33 percent. In so doing, the measure is expected to make South African products more competitive and thus contribute to economic development in South Africa.

In addition to the extension of the GPT, Canada has already taken a number of measures to restore normal trade relations with South Africa. Canadian government trade support programs are now available to companies wishing to do business in South Africa. As well, export financing and insurance facilities offered by the Export Development Corporation are now available. Mr. MacLaren also led a trade delegation last January of Canadian companies



seeking to re-establish links with counterparts in the new South Africa. At the same time, he officially opened Canada's trade office there.

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NEW CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will contribute \$3.62 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This contribution, which comes from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will support UNRWA's relief and social services program for Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

"Improving the life of Palestinian refugees can contribute directly to the success of the peace process in the Middle East. Canada, which chairs the Refugee Working Group, is a strong supporter of this process," said Mr. Ouellet.

This announcement coincides with the meeting, in Cairo, of the Refugee Working Group, held within the framework of the multilateral peace negotiations in the Middle East. This brings to approximately \$210 million Canadian assistance to UNRWA since 1950.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

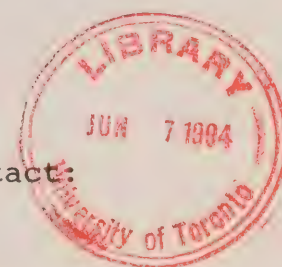
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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES TRADE MISSION TO COLOMBIA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will lead a trade mission to Colombia, May 16-19. The visit will support the efforts of Canadian companies pursuing substantial business opportunities in Colombia's telecommunications, oil and gas and transportation sectors.

"The Government of Canada recognizes there are growing opportunities for trade and investment in Colombia," Mr. MacLaren said. "We are working to increase market presence for Canadian exports of high technology, value-added products and services."

Mr. MacLaren will meet with the President of Colombia, Dr. César Gaviria Trujillo, and several of his ministers in the capital, Bogota. Talks are expected to focus on strengthening trade and investment and commercial relations, as well as on discussing the importance of a future bilateral Double Taxation Agreement and Foreign Investment Protection Agreement.

Canada has welcomed Colombia's commitment to economic liberalization and integration within the hemisphere.

Two-way trade between Canada and Colombia reached a new high of \$395 million in 1993, an increase of 10 percent over 1992. Of that amount, Canadian exports accounted for \$223 million. Colombia is Canada's fourth largest export market in Latin America and Canada has consistently run a trade surplus with that country, except in 1989.

A list of companies participating in the trade mission and background information on Canada-Colombia trade relations are attached.

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Backgrounder

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES IN THE TRADE MISSION TO COLOMBIA

BELL CANADA INTERNATIONAL, Montreal, Quebec

BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON, Ottawa, Ontario

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION, Ottawa, Ontario

HYDRO-QUÉBEC INTERNATIONAL, Montreal, Quebec

LARCAN INC., Mississauga, Ontario

NORTHERN TELECOM, Ottawa, Ontario

SNC-LAVALIN INTERNATIONAL, Montreal, Quebec

TRANSCANADA PIPELINES, Calgary, Alberta

COLOMBIA

Economic Data

DP:	\$43.5 b (e); \$54 b (1993e)
DP Growth Rate:	4.4% (1993f); 4.6% (1994f)
DP per Capita:	\$1 260 (e)
Inflation Rate:	22.4% (1993f); 20.7% (1994f)
Unemployment Rate:	9.7%
Total External Debt:	\$16.8 b; \$16.6 b (1993f)
Debt Held by Canada:	\$239 m
Canadian Direct Foreign Investment:	\$73.3 m

Trade with Canada:

(\$ millions)	1991	1992	1993
Exp. to Colombia:	137.0	232.8	223.1
Exp. from Colombia:	135.7	130.8	171.6
Balance:	1.3	102.0	51.5

Major Canadian Imports from Colombia:

coffee, tea, edible fruits and nuts, live trees, plants, misc.
chemical products, art and clothing.

Major Canadian Exports to Colombia:

cereals, paper and pulp, copper, machinery, boilers,
fertilizers, salt, sulphur, vehicles.

Diplomatic Representation

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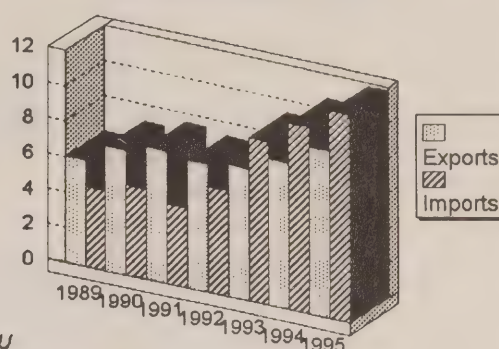
The Colombian Embassy in Canada:

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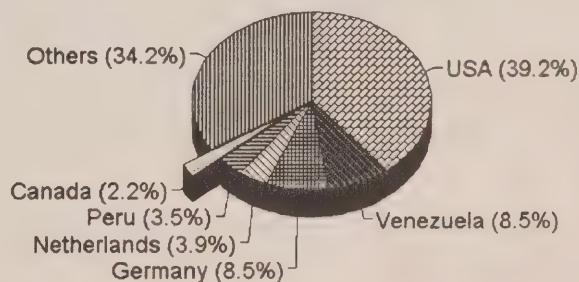
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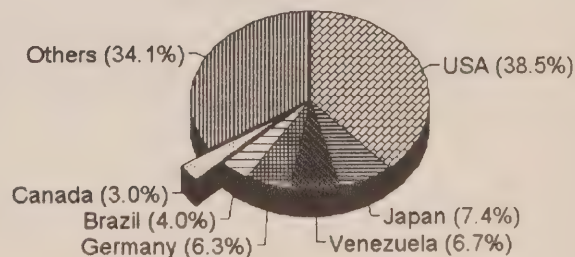
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Colombia's Major Exports
(Destination of Exports in 1992)



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Colombia's Major Imports
(Origin of Imports in 1992)



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QUELLET PRESENTS 1994 AWARD FOR CONSULAR EXCELLENCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today presented the 1994 Minister's Award for Consular Excellence to Mr. Jacques Persoons, Canada's Honorary Consul for Burundi. This award recognizes Mr. Persoon's service to both Canadians and Australians during last year's abortive coup in Burundi and his dedication over several years in a difficult environment.

"I am most pleased to recognize the contribution of a Belgian citizen acting as Honorary Consul for Canada. Mr. Persoons' assistance to the Canadian community in chaotic circumstances during the coup in Burundi and the recent evacuation of Canadians from Rwanda was outstanding," said Mr. Ouellet.

Citations for exemplary service in the consular field were also presented to Mr. Neil Clegg, Mrs. Lillian Crichton and Mrs. Janet Yates.

Mr. Neil Clegg, former First Secretary and Consul in Beijing, was recognized for his handling of the case of a mentally-ill Canadian detained in Mongolia.

Mrs. Lillian Crichton, Honorary Consul at Montego Bay, Jamaica, received her citation in appreciation of her dedication and compassion in assisting a large number of Canadians in distress over several years. She has handled over eighty arrests and detentions of Canadians for drug-related offences and close to sixty repatriations to Canada.

The third winner was Mrs. Janet Yates, a locally-engaged Consular Assistant in Tehran, Iran. The citation recognized her efforts in dealing with a number of complex consular cases, including the accidental death of a Canada-based officer and the attempted suicide of a young Canadian woman.



The Minister's Award for Consular Excellence is presented annually as part of the Department's Recognition and Awards Program.

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QUELLET PRESENTS 1994 AWARDS FOR FOREIGN POLICY EXCELLENCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today presented the 1994 Minister's Award for Foreign Policy Excellence to Mr. Christopher Cooter, Second Secretary (Political) and Mr. Christopher Liebich, former Second Secretary (Development), at the Canadian High Commission in Nairobi. Their teamwork led to an integration of Canadian foreign aid and peacekeeping activity in Somalia.

Mr. Ouellet also presented two citations for exemplary service in the field of foreign policy to Mr. Ross Hynes and Mr. John McNeish.

Mr. Ross Hynes, Departmental Human Rights Co-ordinator, in the Human Rights, Women's Equality and Social Affairs Division, was recognized for his contribution to Canada's leadership in the promotion of human rights through Canadian foreign policy. As Canada's chief negotiator at the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993, and in subsequent negotiations at the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Hynes played an important role in establishing the position of a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. John McNeish, a desk officer for Mexico in the Mexico and South America Relations Division, was cited for his contribution to enhanced Canada-Mexico relations during the past year. As Canada's relationship with Mexico expanded, Mr. McNeish was called upon to co-ordinate the activities of 25 Canadian government departments and agencies with interests in Mexico and to oversee the implementation of nearly 40 bilateral and trilateral agreements with Mexico.

The Minister's award for Foreign Policy Excellence is awarded annually as part of the Department's Recognition and Awards Program.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES ITS PARTICIPATION IN SECOND FRANCOPHONE GAMES

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet and Minister of Canadian Heritage Michel Dupuy are pleased to announce that a delegation of 386 Canadian athletes and artists will take part in the Second Francophone Games. The Games will take place in Paris and in the French Department of Essonne from July 5 to 13, 1994.

"Canada is proud to be taking part in this second edition of the Francophone Games. The Games provide an excellent opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship and brotherhood," said Mr. Ouellet.

"The Francophone Games, which have borrowed from ancient Greece the concept of a sound mind in a sound body, give our youth an opportunity to display the vitality and originality so characteristic of Canada," added Mr. Dupuy.

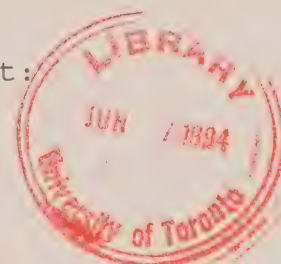
The Canadian delegation consists of three components: Canada, Canada-Quebec, and Canada-New Brunswick. Its participation is governed by a federal-provincial agreement corresponding to the way in which the two provinces participate in la Francophonie. The Canada component will have 153 athletes and 32 artists; the Canada-Quebec component, 103 athletes and 35 artists; and the Canada-New Brunswick component, 35 athletes and 28 artists. Canada will join over 3 000 participants from 46 countries and governments of la Francophonie worldwide.

Included in the sports program of the Games will be track and field, wheelchair sports, women's basketball, soccer, men's and women's handball, men's and women's judo, open wrestling and table tennis. On the cultural side, no less than seven competitions and some 700 artists are expected: singing, storytelling, contemporary and traditional dance, painting, sculpture and audio-visual production are all part of the program.

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NATIONAL BALLET TO TOUR EUROPE AND ISRAEL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a grant of \$300 000 to the National Ballet of Canada for a 17-performance tour of Germany, Luxembourg, Holland and Israel, from May 20 to June 20, 1994.

"The National Ballet contributes significantly to the promotion of Canada's cultural identity by highlighting some of its most talented artists internationally," said Mr. Ouellet.

At a presentation ceremony at the National Ballet in Toronto, Mr. Ouellet also thanked the Ontario government and Anne Tanenbaum together with Joey and Toby Tanenbaum, for their generous support in helping to make this tour a reality.

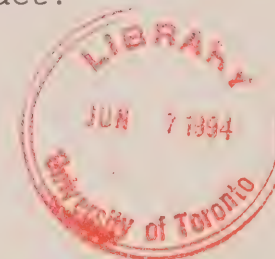
The Minister expressed satisfaction with the co-operation between the public and private sectors in the crucial area of international cultural relations. Mr. Ouellet said he hoped that Canadian businesses would continue to support Canadian artistic talent on stages the world over.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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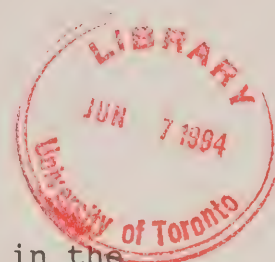
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OUELLET TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON A EUROPEAN STABILITY PACT



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will participate in the inaugural Conference on a European Stability Pact, in Paris, May 26-27.

The Conference is a European Union (EU) initiative designed to promote stability in Central and Eastern European countries and the Baltic States and to strengthen their ties to Western Europe. It aims to reinforce existing commitments under the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), the United Nations and the Council of Europe, especially those related to minorities and borders.

The Paris meeting is expected to launch a series of regional discussions and roundtables, culminating in the conclusion of a European Stability Pact in about a year's time.

Participants include members of the EU, as well as Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, all considered prospective EU members. Canada, the United States, Russia, Ukraine and other neighbouring European states will also attend.

While in Paris, Mr. Ouellet is expected to meet with a number of his counterparts, including the Foreign Ministers of Italy, France and Russia.

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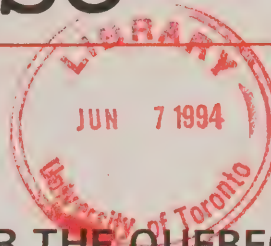


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OUELLET NAMES AMBASSADOR FOR THE QUEBEC 2002 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BID

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Arthur C. Perron as Ambassador of Canada in support of Québec's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

"We know it will be a tough fight, but Québec City has a strong bid which will be greatly enhanced by Ambassador Perron's expertise and years of international experience. Québec City is an ideal location for the Games, and all Canadians will be proud to have the Olympic Winter Games once again in our country," said Mr. Ouellet.

Ambassador Perron is a career diplomat who has been with the Department of Foreign Affairs since 1968. He has served in Paris, Algiers, Manila, Sydney and most recently as Ambassador in Bangkok. His appointment is another demonstration of the federal government's support for Québec City's bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

On behalf of Michel Dupuy, Minister for Canadian Heritage and responsible for Sports Canada, Mr. Ouellet also announced that \$1.7 million is being provided as the second instalment of the \$2.5 million federal government commitment to support Québec City in the bidding process.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

A short biographical note on Mr. Perron follows.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Arthur C. Perron was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Perron (BComm, Université Laval, 1966; MComm [Business Administration], Université Laval, 1967) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in June 1968. He has served abroad in Paris, Algiers, Manila and Sydney, and most recently as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand with concurrent accreditation to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. In Ottawa, he has worked as Deputy Chief of the Africa and Middle East Division, Deputy Director of the Assignments Division, Director of the Personnel Division, Director General of the Personnel Operations Bureau, and Director General of the Asia Pacific North Bureau. Mr. Perron is married to Nicole Rousseau and they have two children.



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Date **May 19, 1994**

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MACLAREN TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will visit Washington on May 24 and 25. He will be meeting with senior U.S. representatives to discuss a number of bilateral and multilateral trade issues.

Mr. MacLaren will meet with Administration and Congressional representatives including United States Trade Representative Ambassador Mickey Kantor, Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert Rubin, Chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisors Laura d'Andrea Tyson, and Representative Sam Gibbons, Chairman of the House Trade Subcommittee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. MacLaren will address a meeting of the Canadian-American Business Council on May 24. He will also participate in a conference organized by the World Economic Forum on May 25.

Mr. MacLaren will travel to New York on May 31, where he will address senior representatives of the business, financial and industrial communities at a luncheon organized by the Americas Society.

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CANADA CONGRATULATES MALAWIANS ON MULTI-PARTY ELECTIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today congratulated the people of Malawi on the successful multi-party presidential and parliamentary elections on May 17, the first in three decades.

"Canadians welcomed the peaceful and democratic manner in which the Malawian people conducted their elections. This is an important milestone on the path to further political, social and economic development for the benefit of all Malawians," said Mr. Ouellet.

The elections were the culmination of a dramatic and fundamental political transition during the past two years, which included a referendum to re-establish a multi-party system and the passage of a new interim constitution.

Canadian support for the electoral process included financial assistance for legal advice and media and civic education projects. In addition, Canadian electoral observers participated in both the Commonwealth Observer Group and the Joint International Observer Group organized by the United Nations.

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OUELLET WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF A UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RWANDA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the appointment of a United Nations Special Rapporteur to investigate the human rights situation in Rwanda. The decision was taken at an emergency session of the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, which was convened at Canada's request.

"Canada fully supports the Human Rights Commission's action to help bring an end to the suffering of the Rwandan people. Determined action by the international community is essential to bring an end to this tragedy. We also need to put on notice the perpetrators of the horrible crimes in Rwanda that they will be held accountable by the international community," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Commission has appointed as Special Rapporteur Mr. René Degni Segui, Dean of Law at the University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Mr. Segui will travel to Rwanda immediately to gather first-hand information on human rights violations and report to the UN Secretary General, the Security Council and the Human Rights Commission, within four weeks, with recommendations for bringing violations to an end and for preventing future abuses.

The Special Rapporteur will be assisted by a team of human rights field officers acting in close co-operation with the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR). The Commission also requested its human rights experts on executions, torture, internally-displaced persons, disappearances and arbitrary detentions to give urgent attention to the situation in Rwanda.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO VISIT ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit Ecuador on June 1 and Colombia on June 2 and 3, 1994.

"Canada values Ecuador and Colombia's partnership in Latin America. I intend to use this opportunity to strengthen further our relationship with these two countries," said Mrs. Stewart.

In Ecuador, Mrs. Stewart will meet with President Sixto Duran Ballen and Foreign Minister Diego Paredes Pena, with whom she will review bilateral relations and regional issues.

Mrs. Stewart will also meet with the Minister of Energy and Mines, Dr. Francisco Acosta, and will visit some development projects supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

In Colombia, Mrs. Stewart will meet with President Cesar Gaviria, who has just been elected Secretary General of the OAS, and with whom she will discuss Canada's priorities in the Hemisphere. She will also meet with President Gaviria's special advisor on human rights, Dr. Carlos de Roux. Mrs. Stewart will use the occasion to remind Colombia of the importance Canada attaches to respect for human rights. She will also visit some CIDA development projects and meet with beneficiaries of Canada's assistance.

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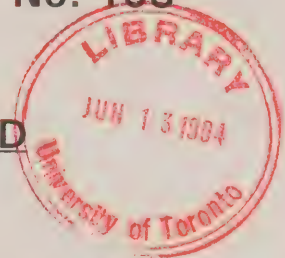
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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND 24TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will lead the Canadian delegation to the 24th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), which will be held in Belem, Brazil from June 5 to 11, 1994.

"Canada fully supports the role the OAS can play in furthering hemispheric co-operation on a broad range of issues, and will work closely with other OAS partners to address them effectively and efficiently," said Mrs. Stewart.

In addition to participating in the plenary sessions of the Assembly, during which she will deliver an address outlining Canada's priorities in the OAS and in the region, Mrs. Stewart will take part in an Informal Dialogue of Heads of Delegation on June 5 and an Ad Hoc Meeting of Foreign Ministers on Haiti on June 6. She will also hold bilateral talks with foreign ministers from several OAS member countries.

Mrs. Stewart indicated that the major topics of interest for Canada at the General Assembly include human rights and democratic development, security issues, regional integration and sustainable development, as well as discussion of the Summit of the Americas, scheduled for December 10 and 11.

The OAS is the oldest regional organization in the world. The General Assembly is the annual meeting of the 34 participating members, representing all the independent nations of the Hemisphere except Cuba whose membership remains under suspension.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES VISIT OF DR. NAFIS SADIK, UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Dr. Nafis Sadik, the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), will visit Ottawa from May 30 to June 1.

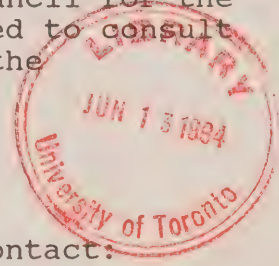
Dr. Sadik is the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), to be held September 5 to 13 in Cairo, Egypt. While in Ottawa, she will meet with Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi and Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart. She will also meet with other senior officials to discuss preparations for the conference. The ICPD is expected to adopt an international plan of action for the next two decades which finds a balance between population, resources, the environment and development. Canada has been an active participant in all of the conference preparations.

Dr. Sadik will take part in a public forum on The Challenge of Population and Development and will also meet with representatives of the Canadian National Advisory Council for the ICPD, a group of non-governmental organizations formed to consult and advise the government on issues to be raised at the conference.

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CANADA WELCOMES SOUTH AFRICA'S READMITTANCE TO COMMONWEALTH

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today extended Canada's congratulations to South Africa on the occasion of its readmittance to the Commonwealth.

"Thirty-three years ago, South Africa left the Commonwealth because of its policy of apartheid. Since that time, Canada has led the Commonwealth in encouraging change in South Africa, all the while hoping for its eventual return. That day has now come. Canada joins with the other members of the Commonwealth in extending our welcome and congratulations to South Africans on the breathtaking achievements that have made their return possible," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet expressed satisfaction that today's move to readmit South Africa paves the way for South African participation in the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, this August.

With the readmittance of South Africa to the Commonwealth, Canada's embassy to South Africa becomes a High Commission, as does the South African Embassy to Canada.

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MACLAREN TO VISIT BRUSSELS, PARIS AND HELSINKI

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will be visiting Brussels, Paris and Helsinki from June 3 to 9 to meet his counterparts responsible for economic and commercial affairs and to strengthen trade relations with their countries and with the European Union (EU).

In Brussels on June 6, Mr. MacLaren will meet with Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities and Commissioner in charge of External Relations and Trade Policy. Mr. MacLaren's visit to Brussels takes place under the framework agreement for trade and economic co-operation between Canada and the EU. The purpose of this bilateral meeting is to review trade relations between Canada and the EU as well as the latest developments in multilateral trade.

In Paris, after attending the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) ministerial meeting (June 7 and 8), Mr. MacLaren will chair the closing session of the France-Canada Joint Economic Commission on June 9, at which time he will review bilateral commercial and industrial issues. These consultations will lay the groundwork for future co-operation.

Mr. MacLaren will meet with his French counterpart, Mr. Gérard Longuet, Minister of Industry, Posts & Telecommunications and External Trade. He will hold discussions with representatives of Canadian companies established in France, and will lead a round table with French industrialists and investors, under the auspices of the Conseil National du Patronat Français (CNPF).



Before visiting Brussels and Paris, Mr. MacLaren will travel to Helsinki, where he will represent Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Human Resources Development, for the signing of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding on Social Security between Canada and Finland concerning old age security and the Canada Pension Plan. This amendment will be co-signed by Mr. Jorma Huuhtanen, the Finnish Minister of Social Affairs and Health.

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MONGOLIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet announced today that the Mongolian Minister for External Relations, His Excellency Tserenpiliin Gombosuren, will pay an official visit to Canada from June 6 to 9. His itinerary will include Calgary, Toronto and Ottawa.

This first Canadian visit of a Mongolian External Relations Minister will give the Canadian Government an opportunity to express its support for Mongolia in its economic and political reforms and to encourage it in its efforts to open its horizons to the outside world.

During his visit to Ottawa, Mr. Gombosuren will meet with Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, with whom he will sign a Canada-Mongolia trade treaty. He will also meet with the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Roméo Leblanc, with the leadership of the Canadian International Development Agency, and with representatives of Canadian business.

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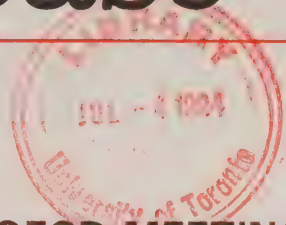


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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO OECD MEETING IN PARIS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will lead the Canadian delegation to the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, June 7 and 8. Minister of Human Resources Development Lloyd Axworthy and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren will also attend the meeting.

The OECD ministerial meeting provides an opportunity for member countries to consult on the leading issues of international economic relations. This year, the key agenda item is growth and employment. The OECD is expected to release the results of a two-year study on employment in industrialized countries. Other issues to be discussed include multilateral trade in the Uruguay Round and the OECD's outreach program with non-member countries. While in Paris, the Canadian ministers will also undertake a range of bilateral meetings with their counterparts from other OECD member countries.

The OECD comprises 25 industrialized countries (Western European countries, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and Japan) that together account for over two-thirds of global output. Its secretariat provides an impartial analysis of economic issues, which the member states use as the factual basis for their deliberations, and which helps to enlighten the public on economic policy issues. The OECD publishes a significant number of studies and generates benchmark, internationally-used statistics. The OECD's agenda currently includes the issues of unemployment, structural imbalance, protectionism, the evolving world financial system, technological change, environmental concerns, and the transformation of the former Soviet Union and Central/Eastern Europe. Canada has played an active role in the OECD since its inception in 1961.

Mr. Ouellet will travel directly from the OECD meeting to the NATO ministerial meeting in Istanbul to be held June 9 and 10. Prior to the OECD meeting, Mr. MacLaren will meet with the Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels after which he will chair the closing session of the France-Canada Joint Economic Commission.

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OUELLET TO ATTEND NATO MEETINGS IN ISTANBUL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will attend the meetings of the North Atlantic Council and the North Atlantic Co-operation Council which will take place on June 9 and 10, 1994, in Istanbul, Turkey.

"These meetings will allow me to reaffirm Canada's strong support for the opening of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) towards Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Partnership for Peace initiative. I will be telling my colleagues that we must continue to work for actual NATO expansion in the near future," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Istanbul meetings will focus on the Partnership for Peace initiative, relations with Russia, NATO structural and budgetary reforms, non-proliferation issues, and the situation in the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Ouellet indicated that these meetings will also allow ministers to discuss the future evolution of NATO in response to the new challenges facing the organization.

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OUELLET RELEASES TEXT OF LETTER TO THE UKRAINIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today released the text of a letter to Ukrainian Foreign Minister Anatoliy Zlenko concerning the situation in Crimea. A copy of the letter follows.

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His Excellency Anatoliy Zlenko
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kiev, Ukraine

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1994, setting out Ukraine's position on recent developments in Crimea, and in particular, the Crimean parliament's decision on the May 1992 constitution.

Canada strongly supports Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. We have underlined our continuing commitment to Ukraine many times since December 1991, most recently during my visit to Kiev.

A stable and secure Ukraine is essential to European stability and a key factor in global security. It is imperative that all parties with interests in Crimea act with the greatest prudence and moderation, to find a negotiated solution and avoid any worsening of the current crisis.

Your statements and those of President Kravchuk, confirming that Ukraine does not intend to use force, have been most helpful. We are also reassured by Russia's position that this is fundamentally a matter for Ukraine to resolve.

Yours sincerely,

André Ouellet



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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN CUBA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart has accepted an invitation to address a conference taking place in Havana, Cuba, from June 19 to 21. The conference, organized by *The Economist* magazine and co-sponsored by Sherritt Inc., is entitled Cuba: Open for Business.

While in Cuba, Mrs. Stewart will also meet with government officials, members of non-governmental organizations and business representatives.

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CZECH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE TO VISIT CANADA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced the visit of Mr. Vladimír Dlouhý, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, June 9 and 10, 1994.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Dlouhý will meet with the Honourable Sheila Copps, Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, the Honourable Douglas Peters, Secretary of State for International Financial Institutions, as well as senior government officials.

"The Czech Republic has come through its political and economic metamorphosis in good shape. There is stability and solid growth. Investment and trade opportunities for Canadians are growing apace," Mr. MacLaren said.

The Minister noted that a series of seminars on Czech trade and investment held in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal last February have helped rekindle Canadian business interest in the well-positioned Central European republic.

Bilateral trade last year totalled more than \$90 million, and Canadian foreign direct investment in the Czech Republic currently stands at about \$150 million.

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J.P. PERREAULT FOUNDATION TO TOUR EUROPE

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet announced today that the Jean-Pierre Perreault Foundation would be receiving a grant of \$80 000 to perform its spectacle *LA VITA* in more than 10 European cities from July to October 1994. The tour will take the company to the prestigious Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, the well-known Contemporary Dance Festival in Châteauvallon, France, and to the Eindhoven Festival in the Netherlands. The company will also visit Bordeaux, Brussels, Turnhout, Arnhem, Amsterdam and Aarhus, among other cities.

"I am pleased to see the growing popularity of Canadian dance on the stages of the world. Tours like this one help to promote Canada's cultural identity abroad and to confirm our country's great artistic reputation," said Mr. Ouellet.

The cheque was given to the J.P. Perreault Foundation by Mr. Nick Discepola, Member of Parliament for Vaudreuil and President of the Québec caucus, at a performance of *JOE*, the well-known choreographic work by Mr. Perreault, a Montrealer, staged in the Maisonneuve Theatre in Montreal's Place des Arts.

Funding for the initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing financial framework.

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CANADA CONDEMNS CHINESE NUCLEAR TEST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet condemned the test today of a nuclear bomb by the Chinese Government. The Minister called upon China to refrain from any further testing and to join efforts by Canada and the international community to establish a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

"At a time when all the other nuclear powers have joined a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing, China is moving in precisely the wrong direction. The survival of present and future generations of humanity depends on the responsible behaviour of nuclear powers," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister emphasized that by joining the nuclear testing moratorium, China would clearly demonstrate its commitment to world peace and security.

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CANADA TO SUSPEND COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE TO HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will suspend all commercial airline flights to Haiti in 15 days time. Air Canada, the only Canadian airline currently serving Haiti has been advised of the decision that takes effect on June 25.

"Our decision follows this week's unanimous resolution of the Organization of American States to increase pressure on the illegal regime in Haiti. I also intend to discuss with my Cabinet colleagues the possibility of additional measures," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada's Embassy in Port au Prince is advising Canadians in Haiti to leave the country while regularly scheduled flights are still taking place.

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COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD TO PERFORM MAJOR EUROPEAN TOUR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that a grant of \$120 000 would be provided to the Compagnie Marie Chouinard to enable it to make a two-stage tour of Europe. The Quebec Government is also helping to fund the tour.

"I am very pleased that we are able to participate in the realization of tours like these, as they help to promote Canada's identity abroad and to confirm the incomparable dynamism of our artists internationally," said Mr. Ouellet.

During the first part of its European tour, from June 15 to 22, the company will stage Marie Chouinard's work, *Les Trous du ciel*, in the German cities of Dusseldorf, Leverkusen and Neuss. During the second part, from July 18 to August 28, the company will first visit the major Contemporary Dance Festival in Châteauvallon, France, where it will stage *Le Sacre du printemps*, another of the famous Quebec choreographer's works; it will then stage the same performance in Austria (Vienna), Germany (Munich, Hamburg and Berlin) and Switzerland (Berne).

The cheque was handed to Mrs. Chouinard today by Alfonso Gagliano, Chief Government Whip, at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. A portion of this grant was already allocated for an initial tour of Belgium, Scotland and Israel last May. Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES VISIT OF VIETNAMESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KHAI

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that His Excellency Phan Van Khai, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, will make an official visit to Canada from June 15 to 22.

Mr. Khai will be in Vancouver on June 15 and 16, Calgary June 17 and 18, Montreal June 19 and 20, and Ottawa June 21 and 22. The visit follows the recent trade mission to Viet Nam by Transport Minister Doug Young in April and the visit to Canada of the Vietnamese Minister of Trade and Tourism Le Van Triet in August 1993.

While in Ottawa, he will meet with the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet, Mr. MacLaren, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi and Secretary of State (Asia Pacific) Raymond Chan. During his stay, Mr. Khai will also meet with British Columbia Premier Michael Harcourt, Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson.

Given Deputy Prime Minister Khai's responsibility for the Vietnamese economy, his visit will focus on trade and economic relations between Canada and Viet Nam. Mr. Khai will have an opportunity to observe first hand Canadian capabilities in key export sectors such as transportation, telecommunications and oil and gas through calls on leading Canadian companies. The visit will also provide an opportunity to review other aspects of the Canada-Vietnam bilateral relationship.

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Background

CANADA-VIET NAM ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Since 1986, Viet Nam has been implementing a market-oriented process of economic reform known as *doi moi* or openness. As a result, Gross Domestic Product growth has risen steadily in the last few years and is expected to reach eight percent in 1994¹. Inflation has dropped dramatically to seven percent in 1993 from 67 percent in 1990². Changes include: allowing most prices to be determined by the market; the long-term lease of agricultural land; the development of a mixed economy; and, a foreign investment code adopted in 1988. As a result, foreign direct investment and overall business interest in Viet Nam has grown quickly.

Canada is well placed to contribute to, and benefit from, Viet Nam's economic reforms. Canadian expertise and capabilities match Vietnamese requirements in areas designated by the Vietnamese government for priority development, particularly the transportation, telecommunications and energy sectors.

Although bilateral trade between Canada and Viet Nam is modest, (reaching \$42 million in 1993 compared to \$31 million in both 1991 and 1992), there is considerable and growing interest among Canadian businesses in developing greater commercial ties. Over 200 Canadian business people and delegations visited Viet Nam in the last year. Canadian companies have invested \$110 million in Viet Nam since 1988, ranking Canada 15th among foreign investors. Major exports to Viet Nam include pharmaceuticals, machinery and pulp, while major imports consist of seafood products, apparel and apparel accessories.

Canada and Viet Nam are strengthening their relationship through the negotiation of a series of agreements in areas such as economic co-operation, development co-operation, trade, avoidance of double taxation and mutual legal assistance. In support of Canadian business interest, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade co-sponsored, in four Canadian cities in February, well-received seminars entitled "Viet Nam: Emerging Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies for Success."

Another important aspect of the Canada-Viet Nam relationship is Canada's efforts to promote the process of economic reform under way in Viet Nam and to assist Viet Nam's integration into the regional and international economy. Viet Nam has received \$29.7 million in official development assistance through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), active in Viet Nam since 1990. The bulk of this has been in the form of humanitarian assistance and food aid (\$19.5 million).

1. Source: Export Development Corporation, *Country Risks & Opportunities*, Spring 1994.

2. *Ibid.*

Other assistance has been provided through CIDA's Partnership Programs, including the provision of \$1.5 million to assist in clearing Viet Nam's arrears to the International Monetary Fund. This has helped pave the way for bilateral and multilateral aid flows to Viet Nam from international financial institutions, creating opportunities for Canadian businesses.

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OUELLET DEPLORES NORTH KOREAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE IAEA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today deplored North Korea's withdrawal from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"Canada strongly regrets North Korea's refusal to comply with IAEA safeguards obligations, and now its withdrawal from the agency. This only reinforces its isolation from the international community. We intend to support international measures against North Korea, including the imposition of sanctions, which may be adopted by the UN Security Council," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada co-sponsored the June 10 resolution by the IAEA's Board of Governors, which found North Korea in non-compliance with its safeguards obligations. Canada continues to urge Pyongyang to abide by the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

The Vienna-based IAEA is the UN body responsible for ensuring the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, through its safeguards system which is designed to detect diversion of nuclear material. Canada is a permanent member of the IAEA Board of Governors.

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MINISTERS CONGRATULATE 1994 PAFSO AWARD WINNERS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren, and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi, today congratulated the four winners of the 1994 Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards.

The award winners are: Ian Burchett, Canada's Vice-Consul and Assistant Trade Commissioner in Monterrey, Mexico, who received his award for promoting Canadian business in Northeastern Mexico; Claudette Deschênes, an employee in the International Service Group of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, for her exceptional services in supporting immigration managers abroad and in handling trying personnel issues; Denis Grégoire de Blois, for his extraordinary work over a four-year period in protecting human rights in Syria; and Carolyn McMaster, for her outstanding role in helping to develop and implement Canadian policy on South Africa.

The awards were presented at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on Wednesday, June 15, by the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Peter Harder, and by Jake Warren, Daniel Jean and Michael Shenstone. Judges for this year's awards were Meriel V.M. Bradford, Marie-Claude Lortie, Timothy Reid, Terry Sheehan, and James Hutchings (Si) Taylor.



The Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards were instituted in 1990 by PAFSO (the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers) to acknowledge exceptional achievements by career foreign service officers. The winners receive a cash prize of \$500.

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CROATIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, will be visiting Canada from June 19 to 21, 1994.

Dr. Granić will arrive in Toronto on Sunday, June 19, where he will meet with members of the Croatian community. On June 20 and 21, Dr. Granić will be in Ottawa where he will meet with Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps, Mr. Ouellet, International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren, and members of Parliament. Discussions will focus on the situation in the former Yugoslavia and various aspects of Canada-Croatia bilateral relations.

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Herb Breau, Jacques Gérin, Donna Soble Kaufman and Dr. Olav Slaymaker to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) along with the reappointment of Dr. Albert J. Butros, a Board member since 1986. Board members serve a four-year term.

Mr. Breau was a Member of Parliament from 1968 to 1984, representing the former New Brunswick riding of Gloucester, now known as Acadie-Bathurst. Mr. Gérin, an engineer, is currently President of Hatch & Associés Inc., a consulting firm providing environmental technology and engineering services to industry and governments. Ms. Soble Kaufman is a lawyer with the firm Stikeman, Elliott in Montreal. Dr. Slaymaker is currently Associate Vice-President, Research (Humanities, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Initiatives) and Professor, Department of Geography, at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Butros was, until recently, the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom; he has since returned to academic life.

The IDRC is a Crown corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970. It assists developing countries to find their own solutions to development problems through research. The IDRC gives support directly to Third World institutions whose research focuses primarily on meeting the basic needs of people in overcoming the problems of poverty. At the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the IDRC's mandate was broadened to emphasize sustainable development issues. The IDRC's international network and expertise is used to help the world move on the implementation of the Summit's Agenda 21 program of action.

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Backgrounder

Herb Breau served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Secretary of State for External Affairs. From 1981-84, he was a member of the Trilateral Commission. He was Chair of the Parliamentary Working Groups on North-South Relations and on Fiscal Federalism in Canada.

Jacques Gérin has national and international experience in economic development, management of natural resources and the environment. He has held a number of senior-level public service positions: Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (1985-89); Assistant Deputy Minister (1977-82), then Deputy Minister (1982-85) of Environment Canada. He was Secretary to the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning, Privy Council Office (1975-77) and was Vice President of the Canadian International Development Agency from 1971-75.

Donna Soble Kaufman was a consultant on the Commission of Inquiry on Equality in Employment (the Abella Commission). She also worked as a journalist and broadcaster with CBC Radio in Montreal and CHCH-TV in Hamilton. She currently serves on a number of boards including: TransAlta Corporation; CRB (Charles R. Bronfman) Foundation; Sir Mortimer B. Davis-Jewish General Hospital Foundation; and the Advisory Committee on Finances and Resources, Medical Research Council of Canada. She has also been on the boards of Selkirk Communications Limited and Southam Inc.

Dr. Olav Slaymaker was, in 1990, Chair of the Sustainable Development Initiative Committee which conceptualized the new Sustainable Development Research Institute at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He has held a number of positions at UBC since 1968 and has been a Visiting Professor at the Universities of: Canterbury (New Zealand), Southern Illinois (United States) and Oslo (Norway). Dr. Slaymaker holds a Ph.D. in Geomorphology from Cambridge University.

Dr. Albert Butros has been Professor of English literature at the University of Jordan, and served as Special Advisor to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. He was one of the architects of the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan (Jordan's Academy of Sciences), which he headed from 1976 to 1984.

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Since its creation, the IDRC has financed more than 5352 projects in 100 developing countries. Forty-five Canadian academic institutions and more than 60 other Canadian organizations (associations, non-government organizations and private sector companies) have collaborated on IDRC-funded research projects.

Project proposals are approved by the IDRC according to: the basis of development needs, research capacity, scientific rigour, potential to use research results, the priorities of the government in the country where the recipient is located, applicability beyond the country in which the project is carried out, use of local resources, development of human resources, and impact on the beneficiary.



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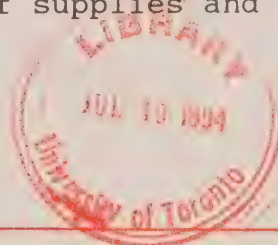
CANADA SENDING FORCES TO RWANDA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of National Defence David Collenette announced today that Canada has agreed to a request from the UN Secretary General to provide additional support for an expanded United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR). Canada will contribute a military communications unit consisting of up to 350 personnel. The Force Commander, Maj.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire, and 10 other Canadian Forces officers are already serving in UNAMIR headquarters. UNAMIR's mandate includes the protection of civilians, escorting relief shipments and serving as an intermediary in arranging a cease-fire. This operation is separate and distinct from the proposed French intervention currently under discussion in the United Nations.

"The world has been shocked by the human tragedy unfolding in Rwanda. Canada has been involved in international efforts to resolve the Rwandan conflict since well before this current crisis, and we welcome the opportunity to contribute further to this vital peacekeeping endeavour," said Mr. Ouellet.

"This new Canadian contribution expands our commitment to UN operations in Rwanda and will be a key factor in ensuring the effectiveness of the UN mission in that country," said Mr. Collenette. "Our additional troops will join Maj.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire, a Canadian who has shown outstanding professionalism and courage."

These Canadian Forces communications personnel will be responsible for developing and operating an expanded communications network for UNAMIR, which will grow from its present strength of 450 to a projected level of 5 500 troops. The Canadian Forces have also provided crucial airlift support to the UN in Rwanda. Since April 10, a Canadian Hercules aircraft has carried some 730 tonnes of humanitarian relief supplies and



equipment, as well as 1 995 passengers. A second Canadian Forces Hercules aircraft has arrived in Nairobi to expand the UN's airlift capacity in Rwanda.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced three appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Michael E.J. Phelps of North Vancouver, British Columbia, was appointed as Chairman, effective July 23, 1994, when the outgoing Chairman, Arthur Hara, C.C., completes his third term. Jacques Bougie, of Outremont, Quebec, and Pierre Choquette, of Calgary, Alberta, were appointed Directors. The new appointments are for a period of three years.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Mr. Ouellet and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will meet with the Board of Directors today to discuss the Foundation's achievements to date and their plans for the future. The general Board of Directors meeting will be held tomorrow, June 22, 1994.

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. The Foundation was established to promote closer ties between the peoples and institutions of Canada and those of the Asia Pacific region. Programs have been established by the Foundation to carry out this mandate and to further Canada's economic interests in the Asia Pacific region.

In 1989, the APF was selected as an implementing agency for the federal government's "Pacific 2000" strategy, which has three major components: the Pacific Business Strategy, the Japan Science and Technology Fund, and the Language and Awareness Program. The APF has recently embarked on a new five-year plan which will renew and refocus its efforts to ensure that its programming remains innovative and effective.

Biographies of the new Chairman and the new Directors are attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Michael Everett Joseph Phelps is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Westcoast Energy Inc., in Vancouver, British Columbia. Born in Montreal in 1947, Mr. Phelps holds a law degree from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Winnipeg.

Mr. Phelps joined Westcoast Transmission Company Limited as Special Advisor to the President and Chief Executive Officer (1982-83) and continued on to various senior positions before taking up his current position in 1988.

Mr. Phelps is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Union Energy Inc., Chairman of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. and Chairman of Union Gas Limited; he is also affiliated with a total of 12 other organizations in positions ranging from trustee to director. These organizations include utility companies, financial institutions, business councils, a university and a museum.

Jacques Bougie is President and Chief Executive Officer of Alcan Aluminum Limited. Born in Montreal in 1947, Mr. Bougie holds a law degree from the Université de Montréal and a degree in business administration from the École des Hautes Études Commerciales.

Mr. Bougie joined Alcan in 1979, as Manager of Beauharnois Works, part of Alcan Smelters and Chemicals Limited. In 1988, he became President of Alcan Enterprises and, in July 1989, he was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Alcan Aluminum Limited; he took up his present position in November 1993.

Mr. Bougie is a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Bank of Canada, Bell Canada, BCE Mobile Communications Inc. and the Conference Board of Canada.

Pierre Choquette is President of Novacorp International Inc. and Senior Vice President of NOVA Corporation of Alberta. Born in Sherbrooke in 1942, Mr. Choquette holds a Master of Science degree in chemical engineering from Université Laval and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University.

Between 1966 and 1980, Mr. Choquette held several senior assignments in the United States, in Europe and in Canada. In 1988, he became Senior Vice President of NOVA Corporation of Alberta and Executive Vice President, Novacor Chemicals Ltd. Mr. Choquette was appointed to his current position as President of Novacorp International Inc. in 1993.

Mr. Choquette is a director of several Novacor companies; a director of the Canada-China Trade Council; a member of the Advisory Board for the National Research Council Industrial Materials Institute; a member of the National Research Council; and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Research Council.



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CHAN SIGNS AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION WITH VIET NAM

The Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), today signed agreements on development and economic co-operation between Canada and Viet Nam. The signing ceremony took place during the official visit to Canada of His Excellency Phan Van Khai, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

The Agreement on Development Co-operation will guide the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) assistance program in Viet Nam.

The Agreement on Economic Co-operation seeks to expand economic and commercial activity between the two countries. It identifies principal areas of co-operation, including energy, natural resources, telecommunications and information technology, agriculture and food processing, construction, transportation, and aerospace.

Mr. Do Quoc Sam, Chairman of the State Planning Committee, signed the agreements on behalf of the Vietnamese government. The signing was witnessed by Mr. Khai and the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade.

"These agreements are an expression of our mutual desire to expand the Canada-Viet Nam relationship," said Mr. Chan. "In particular, CIDA is developing a long-term strategy to support the economic reform process under way in Viet Nam in ways that will promote lasting development."

Canada restored Viet Nam's eligibility for Canadian aid in 1990. Since then, Canada has provided \$41 million in development assistance to Viet Nam, primarily for food and humanitarian aid.



Bilateral trade between Canada and Viet Nam has been modest but growing, reaching \$42 million in 1993, compared with \$31 million in both 1991 and 1992.

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OUELLET WELCOMES RUSSIAN SIGNING OF NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH NATO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today warmly welcomed Russia's signature of NATO's Partnership for Peace program. He said that Russia's membership in the program is a significant step in the development of new post-Cold War security relations, which will increase mutual confidence and openness in the interest of all European states.

"Closer co-operation between NATO and Russia is a key element for enhanced security and stability in Europe. With this signature, NATO and Russia are opening a new chapter in the security of the Euro-Atlantic region," said Mr. Ouellet.

The program, launched at last January's NATO Summit in Brussels, enables members of NATO and its partners to engage in practical co-operation including joint peacekeeping exercises and an expanded program of political and military relations. Russia is the 21st country to join the Partnership for Peace program.

In addition, Canada has long advocated that Partnership for Peace should be complemented by a broad strategic dialogue, between the Alliance and Russia, which recognizes the importance of that country in terms of European security. Canada, therefore, welcomes the agreement reached between NATO and Russia to pursue such a dialogue.

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CANADA CALLS FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN YEMEN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called for the immediate cessation of hostilities in Yemen and an end to the conflict. He said that Canada urges the parties to the conflict to abide by the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 924 of June 1, 1994, calling for a cease-fire, and to co-operate fully with the efforts of the UN mission headed by Lakhdar Brahimi.

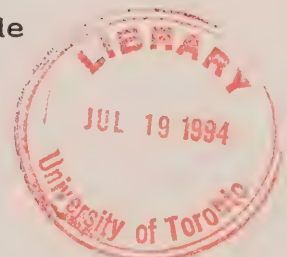
"This conflict has already resulted in hundreds of needless civilian and military victims and is placing intolerable burdens and suffering upon the population. The parties must stop the fighting immediately and work toward the peaceful resolution of the conflict", said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister also called on the regional parties and the international community to focus their efforts to assure that the basic needs of the civilian population are met and to seek the immediate termination of hostilities. He said that problems of access to drinking water and adequate nutrition, if unchecked, could lead to serious outbreaks of disease or epidemics.

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ESTONIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Estonian Foreign Minister Juri Luik will visit Ottawa and Toronto on June 27 and 28.

"This is the first visit of a foreign minister from Estonia since the breakup of the Soviet Union. It provides an important opportunity to discuss political and economic developments in the Baltics, as well as the withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia. It also allows both countries to pursue trade opportunities," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Luik will sign an Agreement on Trade and Commerce which sets out the the rights, obligations and rules that will govern trade and commercial relations between Canada and Estonia. Under this agreement, each country accords most-favoured-nation status to the other.

In addition to meeting with Mr. Ouellet and officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Mr. Luik will meet with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Brian Tobin, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Jean-Robert Gauthier. Discussions in Ottawa will focus on trade and investment, technical assistance, peacekeeping and fisheries.

On June 28, Mr. Luik will travel to Toronto for meetings with Canadian companies with interests in Estonia.

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Background

CANADA-ESTONIA RELATIONS

Canada's Relations with Estonia

- Canada never recognized the annexation of Estonia by the USSR and, in August 1991, was one of the first Western countries to reestablish relations.
- Canada has repeatedly called for the early, orderly, and complete withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia and its Baltic neighbours. Canada has also underlined this support in meetings with Russian officials. Canada expects Russia to abide by its commitment to withdraw the last of its troops by August 31, 1994.
- Roughly one third of Estonia's population is Russian-speaking. Observers from the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), and the Council of Europe agree that Estonia is not abusing the rights of its minorities. Nonetheless, poor relations between the two communities are of concern to the international community. The CSCE currently has a long-term "preventive diplomacy" mission on the ground whose purpose is to promote better relations and help build a civic society in Estonia. Canada has participated in this mission.
- There are 21 350 Canadians of Estonian origin in Canada. Canada's Estonian community, concentrated in Toronto, is the largest in the world outside Estonia.

Trade

- Bilateral trade totalled just over \$15 million in 1993.
- Canada has granted General Preferential Tariff (GPT) treatment to products imported from Estonia, allowing better access to the Canadian market.
- Canada and Estonia have negotiated an Agreement on Trade and Commerce. It establishes a framework of balanced rights and obligations, as well as agreed rules for the conduct of trade and commercial relations between the two countries. Under the agreement, each country accords most-favoured-nation status to the other.

Technical Assistance

- Since September 1991, the Government has committed more than \$4 million in technical assistance to Estonia. This assistance is targeted at democracy and good governance, education, health care, and trade and investment. For example, Canadians have trained Estonian teachers in curriculum development and public servants in managing a free-market economy.
- Canada has also provided \$3.2 million in humanitarian assistance to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. An additional \$1.5 million in humanitarian assistance was committed to the Baltic countries in April.



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OUELLET CONDEMNS ESCALATION OF FIGHTING IN ANGOLA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called on both sides in the Angolan conflict to refrain from further military action and to display the courage required to conclude a successful peace agreement.

"Canada is dismayed by the dangerous escalation of fighting that is occurring just as the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the Government of Angola appear to be on the verge of an agreement at the Lusaka talks. The increase in military activity is needlessly jeopardizing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the over three million victims of this cruel and senseless conflict," said Mr. Ouellet.

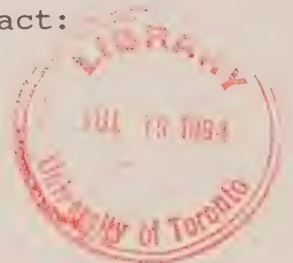
After seven months of UN-led negotiations, a mediation package has been developed to lead to a cease-fire and the establishment of a government of national unity. The Government of Angola has indicated its acceptance of the package, but UNITA has yet to respond.

Mr. Ouellet stressed that UNITA cannot afford to forfeit another opportunity for peace if it wishes to avoid further condemnation and isolation by the international community. Canada has already imposed sanctions against UNITA, prohibiting the sale or supply of arms and petroleum products, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 864 adopted on September 15, 1993.

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LES MÉDIÉVALES DE QUÉBEC RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE QUEBEC ARTISTS IN EUROPE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the *Médiévales de Québec* organization was awarded a \$10 000 grant to promote, with European broadcasters, Canadian artists who earned reknown at the last festival in Quebec City. Patrick Gagnon, Member of Parliament for Bonaventure-Magdalen Islands, presented the cheque to Pierre Gaudreau, Chairman of the Board of Directors of *les Médiévales de Québec*.

Mr. Ouellet congratulated the organizers of *les Médiévales* for their dynamism and for the success of the 1993 festival. He hopes the 1995 festival will be even more international in scope.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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ROBERT LEPAGE'S COMPANY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TOUR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Robert Lepage's new theatre company, *Ex Machina*, was awarded an \$80 000 grant to permit it to tour the United Kingdom and France between August 13 and November 25, 1994. Patrick Gagnon, Member of Parliament for Bonaventure-Magdalen Islands, presented the cheque to Mr. Lepage in Quebec City. The *Conseil des arts et lettres du Québec* is also contributing to this tour.

"The success of Mr. Lepage's productions internationally contributes to putting Canada among the countries on the leading edge of artistic creation and innovation," said Mr. Ouellet.

The company will give 39 performances of its new work entitled "*Les Sept Branches de l'estuaire en delta de la Rivière Ota*." Starting with a commemoration of Hiroshima, this play paints an impressionistic picture of the creative forces that shape our era.

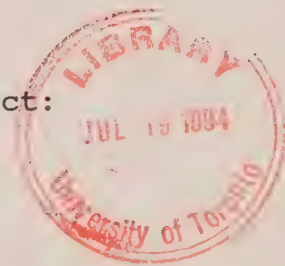
During its tour, *Ex Machina* will appear at two very famous festivals: the Edinburgh Festival and the Paris Fall Festival. The company will also perform in Glasgow, Manchester and London.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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SIGNATURE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RUSSIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the signing in Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Russia-Canada Collaborative Federalism Project. This is a major project under the Canadian assistance program to Russia.

The Russia-Canada Collaborative Federalism Project is designed to share Canadian knowledge and experience in managing the relationships between central and regional governments. The project underscores Canada's commitment to support constitutional and political reform in Russia. It will involve senior Russian and Canadian officials and private sector representatives and will consist of workshops, round tables, needs-specific training and exchanges. Topics to be addressed include management of northern resources, intergovernmental fiscal relations, northern development, and shared responsibility in environmental matters.

The \$3-million project will be managed by the Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs Department. It will involve most Canadian provinces and territories. The project is part of the \$150-million, five-year Canadian assistance program to Russia. Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES PROGRAM OF ACTION ON LAND MINES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of National Defence David Collenette today outlined a Canadian program of action to address the devastation caused around the world by the indiscriminate use of land mines. Canada will seek to extend existing land mine measures and introduce new controls.

"The indiscriminate use of land mines continues to inflict untold misery throughout much of the developing world. I urge all countries to join in the effort to protect innocent civilians and vital economic and social infrastructures from the scourge of these weapons," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada and the Canadian Forces have an outstanding international reputation in working to help countries deal with the devastation caused by land mines," said Mr. Collenette. "The Canadian Forces are currently involved in de-mining operations in Cambodia and the former Yugoslavia, where a Canadian peacekeeper was killed just recently by a land mine."

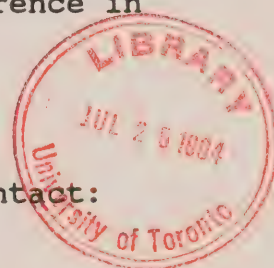
At the 1993 UN General Assembly, Canada co-sponsored a resolution calling for a moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land mines. Canada will now seek an international agreement on the transfer of land mines as a more comprehensive and longer-term measure.

On June 15, Canada ratified the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, which deals with land mines. The Convention will be reviewed at an international conference in 1995 at which Canada plans to play a major role.

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CANADIAN ACTION REGARDING LAND MINES

- It is estimated that there are currently between 85 and 100 million land mines in place around the world.
- The Canadian Forces are currently involved in de-mining operations in Cambodia, where a Canadian serves as Deputy Head of the UN De-Mining Program, and in the former Yugoslavia, where Canadian peacekeepers have been killed by land mines. Canada is also researching technological solutions to the problem.
- At the 1993 UN General Assembly, Canada co-sponsored a resolution calling for a moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land mines. Canada does not export land mines.
- Canada has ratified the United Nations convention which restricts the use of land mines and certain other conventional weapons. Officially titled the Convention on Prohibition or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, the instrument is commonly referred to as the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

Canadian Program of Action

- Canada is now proposing an international agreement on the transfer of land mines.
- Canada introduced a resolution at the June 1994 General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) which urged all members to sign and ratify the CCW. The resolution, adopted by consensus, commits the OAS to examining the issue of land mines at the regional level.
- A conference will be held in 1995 to review the CCW. Canada will be working with like-minded countries to develop proposals aimed at strengthening and expanding its terms. Among the measures Canada will be promoting are:
 - extending the Convention to deal with internal conflicts,
 - requiring that all mines be detectable, and
 - establishing an effective verification and enforcement regime.



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MACLAREN CALLS FOR TERMINATION OF THE SOFTWOOD LUMBER CASE

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, called for the termination of the softwood lumber case in light of the third unanimous decision of a Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) binational panel that Canadian softwood lumber imports do not cause injury to the U.S. domestic industry.

"This is the third time the panel has ruled unanimously that the ITC injury determination is not supported by substantial evidence," Mr. MacLaren said. "This is enough. The harassment of Canadian softwood lumber exporters must end."

The Panel reaffirmed its July 26, 1993, and January 28, 1994, decisions that the ITC has failed to provide substantial evidence to support its original finding. The Panel has therefore remanded this determination to the ITC, which now has 30 days to reconsider.

The current cash deposit rate of 6.51 per cent remains in effect for Canadian softwood lumber exports to the United States. Cash deposits collected to date total approximately \$800 million. Canadian softwood lumber exports to the United States amounted to \$6.4 billion in 1993.

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Backgrounder

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

For the past 40 years, the United States has consumed more softwood lumber than it has produced. Canada has been, and continues to be, an important and dependable supplier of quality lumber products. As a result of the U.S. need to import softwood lumber, Canada has had a relatively constant share of the U.S. market over the last 10 years.

Softwood lumber has been an area of trade friction for Canada and the United States for over a decade.

In 1982-83, the United States conducted its first countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of softwood lumber from Canada, and concluded that Canadian programs did not confer a countervailable subsidy to lumber producers.

In May 1986, the United States initiated its second CVD investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) reversed itself in October 1986, making a preliminary determination that Canadian programs did confer a countervailable subsidy of 15 per cent on lumber producers. On December 30, 1986, to resolve a bitter and highly politicized trade dispute, Canada and the United States signed the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), under which Canada imposed a temporary export tax of 15 per cent on certain softwood lumber entering the U.S. market from Canada. The agreement retained the export charge revenues in Canada rather than sending them to the United States in the form of countervailing duties. The U.S. lumber industry withdrew its CVD petition and the United States terminated the investigation.

The MOU provided for elimination or reduction of the export charge as a result of changes in provincial forest management regimes, particularly stumpage programs, and other forest management charges. As a result of subsequent amendments to the MOU:

- Atlantic Canada was exempted from payment of the export charge;
- the export charge was reduced to zero per cent for exports of British Columbia lumber; and
- the export charge was gradually reduced for exports of Quebec lumber, to a rate of 3.1 per cent by late 1991.

In addition, Alberta and Ontario made various changes in their forest management regimes that would almost certainly have reduced the rate of export charge for these provinces. The MOU had not yet been amended to reflect these changes before it was terminated.

On September 3, 1991, the Government of Canada informed the Government of the United States of its intention to terminate the 1986 Softwood Lumber MOU effective October 4, 1991. The MOU specifically provided for its termination on 30 days' notice. Before taking this action, Canada used the U.S. government's own Timber Sales Program Information Reporting System (TSPIRS) accounting system to compare government forestry costs and revenues in the four major timber-producing provinces. The analysis showed that each province obtained revenues far in excess of its allocated forestry costs. The Canadian government had concluded that circumstances had materially changed from 1986, that there was no subsidy of softwood lumber production in Canada, and that the MOU no longer served any purpose.

The United States government responded to Canada's termination of the MOU by self-initiating a CVD investigation on October 31, 1991, the third CVD investigation of softwood lumber in 10 years. The United States also imposed an interim bonding requirement on imports of lumber from Canada under Section 301 of the U.S Trade Act of 1930. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were specifically excluded from the interim bonding requirement and CVD investigation.

Under U.S. trade remedy law, four decisions must be taken by two separate government agencies before a final countervailing duty can be imposed: a preliminary determination of injury (i.e. that subsidized imports have caused material injury to the U.S. industry) by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC); a preliminary determination of subsidy by the DOC; a final determination of subsidy by the DOC; and a final determination of injury by the ITC.

The Section 301 interim bonding requirement was ended on March 12, 1992, when the United States made a preliminary determination of subsidy in the CVD investigation. On July 13, 1992, the United States completed its investigation and imposed a countervailing duty of 6.51 per cent on imports of softwood lumber from Canada. The Government of Canada, the provinces and the Canadian industry appealed the duty action to binding binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). As well, Canada challenged the U.S. Section 301 action and the initiation of the CVD investigation before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

THE CANADIAN LUMBER INDUSTRY

The forest industry is one of Canada's most important industries. It employed almost 311 000 people in 1993 and contributed \$18.7 billion to Canada's gross domestic product in 1992. As an earner of export dollars, the forest industry is Canada's most important industrial sector. About 350 communities across Canada are dependent on the forest sector as their primary source of employment.

The softwood lumber industry is a significant component of the Canadian forest industry. The softwood lumber industry accounted for 19 per cent of employment in the forestry sector in 1991. Canada is one of the largest producers of softwood lumber in the world. In 1991, Canada accounted for 16 per cent of total world softwood lumber production, following only the United States (at 24 per cent) and the former Soviet Union (at 19 per cent). Within Canada, British Columbia is the principal producer of softwood lumber, accounting for 58 per cent (by volume) of production in 1993. The next largest producer was Quebec, accounting for 19.5 per cent of production by volume.

In 1991, Canada exported more softwood lumber than any other country, accounting for 36 per cent (by value) of total world exports. The principal destination for these exports was the United States. In 1992, Canada exported over 13 billion board feet of softwood lumber to the United States, valued at approximately \$4.2 billion. In 1993, Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the United States totalled nearly 15 billion board feet, valued at approximately \$6.4 billion.

NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER PRICES AND DEMAND

Western spruce-pine-fir two-by-four prices peaked at a record US\$475 per thousand board feet (MBF) in mid-March 1993, double the 1992 average price of US\$231 and 80 per cent greater than the previous peak of US\$262 per MBF in 1979.

The sharp increase in lumber prices reflected the anticipated timber supply reductions in the U.S. Pacific Northwest, along with a forecasted increase in housing starts in the United States. While the anticipated timber shortage in the Pacific Northwest has become a reality, mills in the southern United States and eastern Canada have been able to boost production to make up for losses in production elsewhere.

Between March and June 1993, lumber prices dropped significantly. Since June 1993, however, prices have recovered. The February 1994 average price for softwood lumber was US\$411.50 per MBF, an increase of 0.5 per cent over the previous month. This reflects a strengthening in U.S. demand. It is expected that continued

low mortgage rates will probably boost housing starts to 1.25 million units in 1994, exceeding the mid-1980s peak.

Lumber analysts suggest that high lumber prices have yet to impact significantly on mortgage affordability. In 1993, a \$3000-4000 increase in new home prices due to lumber was more than offset by declining mortgage rates. However, as a result of lower transportation costs, market demand is expected to shift to cheaper materials, such as oriented strand board, paperboards and plastics, in 1994. Otherwise, U.S. lumber demand would exceed available domestic and import supplies by a wide margin (at least several billion board feet).

Canadian companies were able to meet some, but not all, of the increased demand for lumber. Overall, lumber exports to the United States in 1992 increased by 14 per cent over 1991. The market remained relatively strong in 1993, and this trend is expected to continue.

FINAL PLAN FOR PACIFIC NORTHWEST

On February 23, 1994, the U.S. administration announced a plan to protect a host of endangered species by significantly reducing logging levels in the Pacific Northwest to 20 per cent of those in mid-1980s peak years (slightly more than one billion board feet vis-à-vis five billion). The new policy is largely similar to a draft that President Clinton presented last summer. The final plan further reduces logging and nearly doubles the draft's estimated number of jobs that will be lost from 5500 to 9500. The Government estimates that there are 2.2 million hectares of old-growth forest left in the Northwest, with about 600 000 of that protected in national parks or wilderness areas. The Administration would allow logging in 280 000 hectares, but would keep most of the remaining old-growth forest off limits. In Canada, increased restrictions on the allowable cut in some major British Columbia timber management areas have also been imposed by the province, with additional reductions expected in the coming years.

THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION

During the countervailing duty investigation, the DOC investigated provincial stumpage programs and Canadian log export restrictions.

A preliminary affirmative determination of injury was made on December 12, 1991, by the United States ITC.

On March 5, 1992, the DOC made an affirmative preliminary determination that stumpage programs and log export restrictions in British Columbia conferred subsidies to softwood lumber exported to the United States at a national rate of 14.48 per

cent *ad valorem* (stumpage at 6.25 per cent plus log export controls at 8.23 per cent). Effective March 12, 1992, importers of softwood lumber from Canada were required to make cash deposits or post bonds of 14.48 per cent on the value of the imported merchandise.

In its final affirmative determination on May 15, 1992, the DOC confirmed its March 5, 1992, decision that Canada's provincial stumpage programs and log export restrictions in British Columbia provided countervailable subsidies to softwood lumber imported from Canada. The overall country-wide subsidy rate was reduced to 6.51 per cent *ad valorem* (stumpage at 2.91 per cent plus log export controls at 3.60 per cent). The DOC also excluded 15 companies from the investigation.

On June 25, 1992, the ITC, in a four-to-two vote, determined that imports of Canadian lumber materially injured U.S. lumber producers. This was the last of four decisions in the United States CVD investigation.

FTA SUBSIDY PANEL

On May 28, 1992, the Government of Canada, the provincial governments and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of subsidy by the DOC to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. The panel reported its findings on May 6, 1993, unanimously instructing the DOC to re-examine its determinations on virtually all of the key issues in the case, reflecting in large part the arguments made by the Canadian government, provincial governments and industry.

On September 17, 1993, the DOC responded to the FTA panel with a new subsidy determination, reaffirming its original conclusion. The new determination, in fact, sought to increase the subsidy rate. The panel reviewed the DOC's conclusions and ruled that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia log export restrictions.

On January 6, 1994, the DOC accepted the December 17, 1993, ruling by the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement Subsidy Panel.

On February 23, 1994, the FTA Subsidy Panel affirmed the DOC's decision. As a result, on March 7 the FTA binational panel secretariat issued a Notice of Final Panel Action. (A Notice of Final Panel Action is a statement issued by the binational secretariat when a panel ruling has been adopted.) From the date that the Notice of Final Panel Action is issued, the FTA rules provide for a 30-day period in which an Extraordinary Challenge Committee can be requested either by Canada or the United States.

FTA INJURY PANEL

On July 24, 1992, the Government of Canada, the affected provinces and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of injury by the ITC to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. The Injury Panel reported its findings on July 26, 1993, ruling that the ITC's conclusion that imports of lumber from Canada injured the U.S. industry was not supported by substantial evidence.

In response to the panel's ruling, the ITC reconsidered the information and again concluded, on October 25, 1993, that the U.S. lumber industry was injured by imports of Canadian lumber. On January 28, 1994, the FTA Injury Panel again concluded that the ITC decision was not sustainable.

On March 7, 1994, by a vote of 3 to 2, the ITC maintained its original determination that Canadian softwood lumber exports cause material injury to the U.S. lumber industry. The ITC submitted to the panel its redetermination to that effect on March 14, 1994.

On July 6, the FTA Injury Panel reaffirmed its January 28, 1994, ruling that the ITC has failed to provide substantial evidence to support its original finding.

EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE PROCEDURES UNDER THE CANADA-U.S. FTA

Article 1904.13 of the FTA allows for an extraordinary challenge to a panel ruling only in cases where a panel member is guilty of bias or a serious conflict of interest, or has materially violated the code of conduct; or where the panel seriously departs from a fundamental rule of procedure or manifestly exceeds its jurisdiction. In addition, the challenged action must have materially affected the panel's decision, and must threaten the integrity of the binational panel review.

An Extraordinary Challenge Committee must be established within 15 days of a request for such a committee. The Committee comprises three members, who are selected from a 10-person roster of judges or former judges of a federal court of the United States and a court of superior jurisdiction in Canada. Each country selects one panel member, and the third is chosen by both or by lot from the roster.

Written arguments must be filed with the Committee within 21 days after the request for a Committee has been filed.

The Committee was formed on April 25, 1994 and held oral hearings on June 13 and 14, 1994.

Annex 1904.13 of the FTA provides that the Committee must render its decision typically within 30 days of its establishment. The decision of the Committee is binding on both governments. The Committee can extend the time limits in the interest of fairness and justice, as was the case in the two previous Extraordinary Challenges launched in 1991 and 1993. The current Committee has indicated that it intends to render a decision by August 1, 1994.

In rendering its decision, the Committee can affirm the decision of the binational panel, vacate the decision, or remand the decision back to the panel for further consideration, accompanied by instructions from the Committee.

When the United States Trade Representative notified Canada of his intentions to request the challenge, he included a statement as to why the challenge was being launched.

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

An administrative review may be conducted by the DOC at least once during each 12-month period, beginning on the anniversary date when a CVD order was issued. The review process is not automatic and must be requested in writing by an interested party during the anniversary month of the publication of the order. Such reviews are designed to determine the actual amount of subsidization during a particular period, and adjust the CVD accordingly.

An administrative review is essentially a replay of the original investigation, and therefore is an extensive procedure. It involves issuance of questionnaires, presentation of arguments by interested parties and publication of initial and final results of the review.

It also provides a new opportunity for scrutiny into governmental policies affecting the subject merchandise, besides those initially investigated. As a result, the DOC may determine that "new" programs are countervailable, and amend the order to include a duty that offsets the benefits of these additional programs.

If the deposits collected during the review period are greater than the actual margin found, the DOC will refund the overpayments with interest. If the reverse occurs, the DOC will collect the underpayment with interest.

If, after the completion of a review, the DOC determines that the subsidy margin is below 0.5 per cent, then the margin is considered *de minimis* (i.e. too low to act upon) and the DOC waives the duty deposit requirement.

Canada requested the first administrative review of the softwood lumber countervailing duty order on July 30, 1993. The review will cover the period March 1992 to April 1993, and is intended to fix a final duty for shipments during that period.

Should the current investigation be resolved in Canada's favour through the subsidy or injury investigations described above, including an Extraordinary Challenge, the administrative review would also be terminated. However, should the final outcome of the FTA panel process be in the United States favour, then Canadian exporters of softwood lumber to the United States would be liable to pay the countervailing duty once the DOC publishes final results of its administrative review in the U.S. Federal Register, either in the latter part of 1994 or early 1995. That notice would then finalize the countervailing duty payments between March 12, 1992 and March 31, 1993.

Due to statutory deadlines, and notwithstanding the ongoing legal appeals under the FTA, Canada will have to file a request for an administrative review for the period April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994, with the DOC by August 1, 1994.

The results of final determinations of administrative reviews are subject to binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

GATT SUBSIDIES CODE PANEL

A GATT Subsidies Code Panel was established in December 1991 at Canada's request, to determine whether the U.S. actions were consistent with U.S. international trade obligations. The Panel found that the United States had violated its obligations when it imposed the Section 301 interim bonding requirements, but that the United States possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the CVD investigation. The Panel report was adopted by the GATT Subsidies Code Committee on October 27, 1993. The United States has an obligation to implement the Panel's instructions to terminate the Section 301 interim bonding requirement, refund any cash deposits, and cancel any bonds resulting from the Section 301 action. The United States has yet to implement the Panel report.

Chronology

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

1982-83

The United States conducts the first countervailing duty investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) concludes that Canadian programs do not confer subsidies to Canadian lumber producers.

1986

The United States conducts the second countervailing duty investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The DOC reverses itself and concludes that provincial stumpage programs confer subsidies of 15 per cent to Canadian lumber producers.

December 30

Canada and the United States resolve the bitter and highly political trade dispute by entering into the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Canada agrees to impose an export charge of 15 per cent on softwood lumber exports to the United States in return for the U.S. industry withdrawing its countervailing duty petition and the U.S. government terminating the investigation.

1987-91

The MOU is amended on several occasions to exempt the Atlantic provinces from the Canadian export charge and to reduce the export charge for British Columbia and Quebec as a result of replacement measures implemented by the provinces.

1991

September 3

The Government of Canada serves a Diplomatic Note on the Government of the United States, advising of Canada's intent to terminate the 1986 Softwood Lumber MOU, effective October 4, 1991.

October 4

Canada terminates the Softwood Lumber MOU.

The United States announces its intention to self-initiate the third countervailing duty investigation, and to impose an interim bonding requirement on imports of Canadian softwood lumber.

October 31

The DOC self-initiates the third countervailing duty investigation.

December 16 The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative preliminary determination of injury.

At Canada's request, the Subsidies Code Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) establishes a panel to examine whether the U.S. imposition of interim bonding measures and the self-initiation of the countervailing duty investigation violated U.S. trade obligations.

1992

March 5 The DOC makes the preliminary determination of subsidy — 14.48 per cent.

May 28 The DOC makes the final determination of subsidy — 6.51 per cent.

The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final subsidy determination to binding binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

June 25 The ITC makes a final determination of injury — affirmative material injury.

July 24 The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final injury determination to binding binational panel review under FTA Chapter 19.

1993

February 19 The GATT Subsidies Code Panel distributes its final report to the Subsidies Code Committee. The Panel concludes that the United States violated its trade obligations when it used Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose the bonding requirement, but that it possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the countervailing duty investigation.

May 6 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel reports its findings, instructing the DOC to re-examine its original determination on virtually all of the major issues.

July 26 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel reports its findings, concluding that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

July 30 Government of Canada requests first administrative review.

August 2 Government of Canada requests company-specific administrative review.

August 24 The DOC initiates first administrative review.

September 17 The DOC makes a new subsidy determination on remand as a result of review by the FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel.

October 14 Government of Canada files company-specific administrative review information as requested by the DOC.

October 18 The ITC conducts a vote on injury as a result of the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel July 26 decision.

October 19 The DOC issues questionnaires in first administrative review.

October 25 The ITC submits a new injury determination on remand to the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel.

October 27 The GATT Subsidies Code Committee formally adopts the panel report concerning the U.S. use of Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose an interim bonding requirement in October 1991 and self-initiation of the countervailing duty investigation.

December 17 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel rules that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia log export restrictions.

1994

January 6 The DOC accepts the December 17 Panel ruling.

January 28 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel affirms its July 26, 1993, ruling that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

February 23 The FTA Subsidy Panel affirms the DOC's decision of January 6, 1994.

February 24 The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announces that the United States will request the establishment of the Extraordinary Challenge

Committee to review the decision of the FTA Subsidy Panel.

March 7	FTA Panel Secretariat issues Notice of Final Panel Action. From the date that the Notice of Final Panel Action is issued, the FTA rules provide for a 30-day period in which an Extraordinary Challenge Committee can be requested either by Canada or the United States.
March 7	On March 7, 1994 by a vote of 3 to 2, the ITC maintains its original determination that Canadian softwood lumber exports cause material injury to the U.S. lumber industry.
March 14	The ITC submits its most recent determination to the Panel.
April 6	USTR formally requests the establishment of an Extraordinary Challenge Committee.
April 25	Extraordinary Challenge Committee was formed.
July 6	The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel reports its findings, concluding that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.
August 1	Final day for Extraordinary Challenge Committee to issue its decision with respect to Subsidy Panel decision.
August 5	The ITC to submit its new injury redetermination to the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel.



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QUELLET TO TRAVEL TO ASIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will travel to Japan, Korea, Thailand, China and Hong Kong, from July 18 to August 2.

On July 18, Mr. Ouellet will arrive in Tokyo where he will meet with the new Japanese Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama and other cabinet ministers. Mr. Ouellet will also address the Canada-Japan Society.

On July 21, just days before the first summit between the leaders of the two Koreas, Mr. Ouellet will travel to South Korea. In Seoul, he will discuss bilateral, trade and regional security issues with Foreign Minister Han Sung Joo, and will meet with the President and senior officials. On July 23, Mr. Ouellet will travel to Panmunjom to tour the demilitarized zone between South and North Korea.

On July 24, Mr. Ouellet will travel to Bangkok, Thailand, where he will lead the Canadian delegation at meetings hosted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). On July 25, the foreign ministers of the six ASEAN countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) will meet with the foreign ministers of Canada, Australia, China, Russia, the United States, Korea, Japan, Laos, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea, Vietnam and the European Union in the first session of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). This multilateral meeting will focus exclusively on regional security issues; this year's theme is confidence-building measures for the Asia-Pacific region.

The ARF will be followed by the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) on July 26 and 27. The PMC brings together ASEAN foreign ministers and their seven "Dialogue Partners" (Canada, Australia, Korea, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and the European Union) for a discussion of regional and international political and economic issues.

Mr. Ouellet will travel to China on July 28. In Beijing he will hold talks with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qian Qichen. He will also sign an agreement on environmental co-operation and a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.

On August 1 and 2, Mr. Ouellet will be in Hong Kong to meet with the Acting Governor, Anson Chan. In addition, he will participate in a round table with members of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, address a joint luncheon of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Canadian Association and lay a wreath at the Saiwan War Cemetery.

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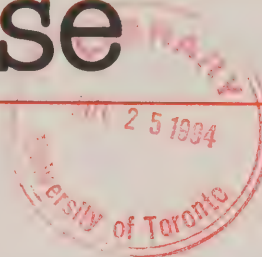


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MINISTERS REJECT U.S. ITC'S FINDINGS ON WHEAT

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, today rejected the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) decision that imports of Canadian wheat materially interfere with the U.S. support programs. The ministers noted that three commissioners qualified their findings by commenting on the limited extent of any interference.

"Canada categorically rejects the notion that imports of Canadian wheat impact negatively on the U.S. wheat price support programs," stated Mr. MacLaren. "The remedies proposed by two of the commissioners are unacceptable and inconsistent with market demand."

"Canada's success in exporting wheat to the United States is a result of basic market factors," stated Mr. Goodale. "Unusual weather conditions last year created a greater-than-average demand in the United States for high-quality milling wheat and feed wheat, a demand that Canada was able to meet. Furthermore, the U.S. Export Enhancement Program worsened the domestic shortage."

On January 18, 1994, the U.S. President directed the ITC to determine whether imports of wheat, wheat flour and semolina materially interfered with the U.S. wheat price support programs. The ITC is the U.S. agency responsible for carrying out investigations under Section 22 of the U.S. Agricultural Adjustment Act. The ITC report will be forwarded to the President for his consideration. The President is not bound by the recommendations of the ITC. The United States' GATT waiver for actions taken under Section 22 expires on implementation of the Uruguay Round results in 1995. Moreover, before taking any action, the United States must also meet certain GATT and NAFTA obligations.

"We are continuing to pursue discussions with the United States on a range of agricultural issues, including wheat," said Mr. MacLaren. "Should the United States proceed with unilateral

action against Canada, we have made it clear that we would respond forcefully to defend our interests."

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CANADA CONGRATULATES NEW UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today congratulated Leonid Kuchma on his success in Sunday's Ukrainian presidential elections.

"I would like to commend Mr. Kuchma on his election victory. Canada has been a strong supporter of Ukraine in meeting the challenges of independence and I want to assure him that we will continue that support," said Mr. Ouellet.

At the recently concluded Naples Summit, the leaders of the Group of Seven leading industrialized countries (G-7) discussed Ukraine's urgent need for economic reform. The G-7 leaders accepted Canada's proposal to host a conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine before the next G-7 summit.

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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Marie-Andrée Beauchemin, currently Consul General in Milan, as High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Dennis B. Browne, most recently Director General, Trade Competitiveness Bureau, External Affairs and International Trade Canada, as Consul General in Los Angeles.

Robert G. Clark, currently Deputy Co-ordinator, North American Free Trade Agreement, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Jacques Demers, currently Director, Consular Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris.

Robert Déry, currently Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Minneapolis.

Louise Charron Fortin, currently Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic.

Jean-Paul Hubert, currently Senior Advisor on Commonwealth, la Francophonie and Inter-American Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Garrett C.M. Lambert, currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Commissioner to Hong Kong.

Barry M. Mawhinney, currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal and Consular Affairs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to Ireland.



Ian McLean, currently Director General, United States Relations Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Milan.

Allan Stewart, currently Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Atlanta.

Colleen Swords, currently Director, Economic Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to Barbados with concurrent accreditation to the Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Donald T. Wismer, currently Ombudsman, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Detroit.

David Wright, currently Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain.

Rob Wright, currently Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, as High Commissioner to New Zealand.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Marie-Andrée Beauchemin (B.A., Honours [Political Science], Marianapolis College, University of Montreal, 1966), born in Montreal, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1978 as Director, Personnel Policy and Official Languages. She served as Director, Personnel Operations Division from 1979 to 1982; Director General Consular Affairs from 1982 to 1983; and Director General Corporate Management Bureau from 1983 to 1985. From 1985 to 1988 she was Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications and Culture Branch. Mrs. Beauchemin has served as Consul General in Milan since 1988. She replaces Louis A. Delvoie who is returning to Canada.

Dennis B. Browne (B.Com., University of British Columbia, 1964; LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1965; LL.M., University of Ottawa, 1994) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1965. He served abroad in Oslo, London, Canberra, Moscow, Washington and, from 1988 to 1991, in Stockholm, as Ambassador to Sweden. In Ottawa, with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, he was Chief of Commodity Arrangements from 1977 to 1979; and Director of Commodity Trade Policy from 1981 to 1982. He joined the Department of External Affairs as Director, Commodities and Resource Industries Division in 1982 and served as Director General, Agriculture, Fish and Food Products Bureau from 1973 to 1987. He has served most recently as Director General, Trade Competitiveness Bureau. Mr. Browne is married to Norma Browne and they have two daughters.

Robert G. Clark (B.A., Honours, University of Toronto), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972, after several years in the private sector, and served abroad in Washington, Bogota and Mexico. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs; Director, Economic and Trade Analysis Division; Director, United States Trade and Economic Relations Division and Chairman of the Task Force on Free Trade. He also served as Deputy Chief Negotiator, North American Free Trade Negotiations, and is currently Deputy Co-ordinator, North American Free Trade Agreement, with the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Clark is married to Donna Lynn Clark (née McIver) and they have three children — Adam, Vanessa and David. He succeeds Robert Rochon who is returning to Canada.

Jacques Demers (B.A., Université de Montréal, 1961; B.Ed., Université de Sherbrooke, 1964; LL.L., Université de Sherbrooke, 1966; C.S.E., École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, 1973; Brevet d'enseignement "A", 1964; Barreau du Québec, 1967), born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967 and served abroad in Vientiane, in Saigon, and as counsellor in Paris, Madrid and in Mexico. In Ottawa, he was seconded to the Department of Justice as special assistant to the Minister;

subsequently, in External Affairs, he held the positions of Director, International Cultural Relations and most recently, Director, Consular Policy. He succeeds Marie Bernard-Meunier who returned to Canada in November 1993.

Robert Déry (B.A. [Finances], Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, 1971), born in Métabetchouan, Quebec, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1971 and served abroad in Melbourne, Chicago, and Santiago. In Ottawa, he has held the positions of Director, Commercial/Economic Personnel Division; Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division; and most recently, Director, Western Europe Trade Development, Investment and Technology Division. He is married to Lorraine Déry and they have two children. Mr. Déry succeeds Brian Buckley who is returning to Canada.

Louise Charron Fortin (B.A., University of Ottawa, 1968; M.Ed.[Administration], University of Ottawa, 1970), born in Hull, Quebec, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1971. She held various positions in Personnel until 1981 and subsequently joined the Trade Commissioner Service as Head, North African Section at the Department of External Affairs. Since that time, Mrs. Fortin has held the positions of Deputy Director, Africa Trade Development Division; Deputy Director, Trade Development Liaison Division; Director, International Trade Centres and Regional Operations; and, most recently, Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Division, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In 1990-91, she completed the Canadian National Defence College program. Mrs. Fortin is married to Jean-Claude Fortin and they have one daughter. She succeeds Maurice Dionne who is returning to Canada.

Jean-Paul Hubert (B.A., *Magna cum Laude*, Université Laval, 1963; B.C.L., [Law], McGill University, 1966; M.I.A. [International Affairs], Columbia University 1969; Certificate of Studies in Latin American Affairs, Columbia University, 1969; Ph.D. [Political Science], Université de Paris, 1971), born in Grand-Mère, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1971. He served abroad in Madrid, Havana and as Counsellor (Political) and Canadian representative to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in Paris from 1981 to 1985. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Ambassador to Senegal with concurrent accreditation to Mauritania, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, and to the Gambia as High Commissioner. From 1990 to 1993, he was Ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington. In Ottawa, he was Director, Economic Law and Treaties from 1985 to 1986 during which period he also acted as Deputy Co-ordinator for the Francophone Summit in Paris. Mr. Hubert was Federal Co-ordinator for "La Francophonie" from 1986 to 1988. He served concurrently as the personal representative of the Prime Minister for the Francophone Summits between 1988 and 1990. Most recently, Mr. Hubert has been the Department's Senior Advisor on Commonwealth, la Francophonie

and Inter-American Affairs. He and his spouse Florence Péloquin have five children. He succeeds Raymond A.J. Chrétien, who was named Ambassador to the United States of America in December 1993.

Garrett C.M. Lambert (B.A. [Economics], University of Toronto, 1963), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968. He served abroad in Tehran, Bonn and Warsaw. From 1982 to 1985 he served as High Commissioner to Nigeria and, from 1988 to 1990 as High Commissioner to Malaysia. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director General, Industrial Co-operation Division with the Canadian International Development Agency from 1978 to 1982; Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister for International Trade from 1985 to 1986; Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau from 1986 to 1988 and since 1990 has been Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Management in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Helen Gallardi and they have two children. He succeeds John P. Higginbotham who has been named Minister in Washington.

Barry M. Mawhinney (B.A., LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1963), born in Victoria, British Columbia, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965 and served abroad in Accra, London, as Minister-Counsellor to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, and from 1987 to 1990 as Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director of USSR and Eastern European Relations from 1983 to 1984; Director General, Legal Affairs Bureau from 1984 to 1987; and since 1990, has been Departmental Legal Advisor and Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal and Consular Affairs Branch. Mr. Mawhinney is married to Islay Mawhinney (née Sampson) and they have one daughter, Tamara. He succeeds Michael Wadsworth who is returning to Canada.

Ian McLean (B.A., Honours, McGill University; M.P.A., Harvard University), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968 and served abroad in Saigon, Hanoi, Geneva and, from 1985 to 1989, in Paris as Counsellor (Economic). In Ottawa, Mr. McLean has held the positions of Director, United States General Relations and Programs Division and most recently Director General, United States Relations Bureau. He is married to Anne Hald and they have one daughter. He succeeds Marie-Andrée Beauchemin who has been named as High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Allan Stewart (B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1965; M.A., University of Western Ontario, 1967), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1967 and served abroad in Sydney, Stockholm, Seattle and, from 1983 to 1986 in Mexico as Minister-Counsellor (Commercial/Economic). In Ottawa, Mr. Stewart held the positions of Director, Resource Management Division; Director, Export and Investment Programs Division and most recently has served as Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau. Mr. Stewart is married

to Donna Stewart and they have two children. He succeeds James Elliott who is returning to Canada.

Colleen Swords (B.A., Brock University, 1972; LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1975; admitted to the bar of Ontario, 1977; Diploma in European Integration, University of Amsterdam, 1979), born in Kamloops, British Columbia, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1980 and served abroad in Dar-es-Salaam and Bangkok. In Ottawa she has held various positions in the Legal Operations Division and the Economic and Trade Law Division. She is currently Director, Economic Law Division. Ms. Swords is married to Bjorn Johansson and they have two children. She succeeds Janet Zukowsky who is returning to Canada.

Donald T. Wismer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology; B.A. [Economics], University of Alberta, 1965), born in Edmonton, Alberta, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1966. He served abroad in Rome, Milan, New York, Prague, Belgrade, Athens, Madrid and from 1992 to 1993 he was Consul General in Cleveland. Mr. Wismer was the Director of Trade and Tourism, Vancouver, Department of Regional Industrial Expansion, from 1983 to 1985. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division from 1989 to 1992 and most recently, Departmental Ombudsman. Mr. Wismer is married to Margit Wismer and they have four children. He replaces Anne Charles who is returning to Canada.

David Wright (B.Sc. [Mathematics and Economics], McGill University, 1966; M.B.A. [International Finance], Columbia University, 1968), born in Montreal, Quebec, joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968 and moved to the Department of External Affairs in 1974. He served abroad in Rome, the United Nations in New York, Tokyo and in Paris as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director of Cabinet Liaison from 1982 to 1984; Director of Economic and Trade Analysis from 1984 to 1985, and Director General, Economic Policy Bureau and *sous-sherpa* for the Group of Seven (leading industrialized countries) Summits from 1985 to 1987. Since 1990, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe. He is married to Ilze Skuja and they have one son, Julian. He succeeds Jean-Pierre Juneau who is returning to Canada.

Rob Wright (B.A. [Economics], University of Western Ontario, 1973; M.A. [Economics], University of Manitoba, 1975), born in Atikokan, Ontario, joined the Federal Public Service in 1975 and held positions in the National Energy Board, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Department of Finance. In 1987, he was named Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Priorities and Planning) and subsequently Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans) at the Privy Council Office. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Wright served as Deputy Minister of Agriculture. He is married to Patty Wright (née Armstrong) and they have four daughters. He succeeds Esmond Jarvis.



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CANADIAN NAVAL DEMONSTRATION FOR OFFICERS OF MIDDLE EASTERN NAVIES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will lead a demonstration of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures for officers of Middle Eastern naval forces. The exercise, which is held in the context of the Middle East Peace Process, will take place on July 15 out of the Italian port of Venice. The Canadian and American warships — HMCS *Halifax* and USS *Santa Barbara* — currently stationed in the Mediterranean will participate, as will aviation units of the Italian Navy.

"This is another example of Canada's active contribution to the Middle East Peace Process. We are very pleased to be able to contribute to and support such positive steps toward a more peaceful and secure future for the Middle East," said Mr. Ouellet.

The demonstration is part of a series of activities led by Canada within the Arms Control and Regional Security Working Group of the multilateral phase of the Middle East Peace Process. Previous activities have included workshops in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in September 1993, and in Antalya, Turkey, last March. Discussions at these workshops, which were attended by Israeli and Arab naval officers, focused on Canadian proposals for enhanced maritime co-operation in the Middle East, particularly in the areas of Search and Rescue and Prevention of Incidents at Sea.

The naval demonstration near Venice is intended to allow Middle Eastern naval officers to acquire first-hand experience of the implementation of the Maritime Confidence-Building Measures under discussion.

Attached is a backgrounder which provides more details on Canada's contribution to maritime confidence-building in the Middle East.

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Backgrounder

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME CONFIDENCE-BUILDING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Launched in Madrid in October 1991 with the United States and the former Soviet Union as co-sponsors, the Middle East Peace Process is a major international effort aimed at resolving the long-standing Arab-Israeli conflict. It is a two-track process consisting of direct bilateral negotiations between Israel and its neighbours — Jordan, Syria and Lebanon — and the Palestinians, and of multilateral negotiations involving more than 40 regional and non-regional countries sitting in five working groups.

Canada is an active participant in the multilateral phase of the Peace Process which was launched in Moscow in January 1992. In addition to chairing the Refugee Working Group, Canada participates in the other four working groups — Arms Control and Regional Security, Economic Development, Water Resources, and the Environment — and is also a member of the Multilateral Steering Group which reviews the work of all five groups and plans future meetings.

The purpose of these talks is to complement the bilateral negotiations by focusing on issues of regional concern and taking concerted action in addressing them.

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES: CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION

Recognizing Canada's consistent contribution to regional peacekeeping, active participation in the Arms Control and Regional Security Group, and naval and coast guard expertise, the Group asked Canada to lead its examination of the applicability of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures (MCBMs) in the Middle East.

MCBMs were seen as a potentially productive topic because, of all the spheres of military rivalry in the Middle East, the maritime arena is generally regarded as the least contentious. Because there are relatively few Middle East disputes of a purely naval character, it was reasoned that it might be easier for concrete steps to be taken in the maritime sphere at the beginning of the process.

After consultations, Canada proposed that initial considerations should centre on two specific measures: enhanced regional co-operation in maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) and the elaboration of the basic framework of a regional Prevention of Incidents at Sea (INCSEA) Agreement.

Following acceptance of these proposals, Canada organized a workshop at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in September 1993. The workshop emphasized practical, hands-on examination of both SAR and INCSEA concepts. Though all participants have Search and Rescue capabilities, co-operation in this field is not yet a common feature in the region. The concept of Prevention of Incidents at Sea is entirely new to the region.

At the end of the Sydney Workshop, which included Israeli and Arab participants, all agreed that a good beginning would be for regional states to exchange information on their SAR communications frequencies and their command and control provisions for SAR. On the issue of the prevention of incidents at sea, the workshop demonstrated that early communication of intentions between ships is the best means of avoiding misunderstandings and that the ready availability of a group of specially tailored signals can help prevent a benign misunderstanding from becoming a potential source of conflict. The participants agreed on the importance of timely and thorough consultations and on the need for a specific code of procedures for encounters at sea. In that regard, they asked Canada to prepare a draft text for a multilateral INCSEA Agreement in the Middle East.

Discussion on both issues resumed at a workshop last March in Antalya, Turkey. The talks focused on the desirability and mechanics of enhanced regional co-operation in the area of Search and Rescue and on Canada's draft INCSEA text which was accepted as a basic framework for the discussions.

As a way of supporting these discussions, Canada was asked to prepare two events this summer for officers of Middle Eastern navies. The first is a practical demonstration of both Search and Rescue and Prevention of Incidents at Sea concepts. The demonstration, involving Canadian and American warships — HMCS *Halifax* and USS *Santa Barbara* — currently stationed in the Mediterranean, will take place near Venice off the coast of Italy on July 15. Aviation units of the Italian navy will also participate. The demonstration is intended to allow Middle Eastern naval officers to acquire first-hand experience of the implementation of the Maritime Confidence-Building Measures under discussion.

The second event will be a symposium for the commanders of the Middle Eastern navies to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in August. This will be the first time the commanders of Middle Eastern naval services have ever met.

Canada believes that, given the history of conflict in the Middle East, it is quite significant that Israeli and Arab naval officers are prepared to undertake an in-depth examination of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the following appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: Matthew William Barrett, of Toronto, Louis P. Salley, of West Vancouver, and Jeannine Guillevin Wood, of Montreal. The three new Directors are appointed for a period of three years. Biographical notes are attached.

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. The APF was established to promote closer ties between the people and institutions of Canada and those of the Asia-Pacific region. Programs have been established by the APF to carry out this mandate and to further Canada's economic interests in the Asia Pacific region.

The APF has recently embarked on a new five-year plan designed to ensure that its programming remains innovative and effective. In late June, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Mr. Ouellet and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan met with the APF Board of Directors to review their plans for the future.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Matthew William Barrett is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Montreal. Born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1944, Mr. Barrett is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University, and holds honorary degrees from St. Mary's, York and Bishop's Universities.

Mr. Barrett joined the Bank of Montreal in 1962 in London, England. Five years later he transferred to Montreal, where he became a Canadian citizen. Mr. Barrett was promoted to executive ranks in 1978 and held a number of senior positions before taking up his present position in 1990.

Mr. Barrett is a Director of several commercial, financial, charitable and academic institutions, as well as of the Business Council on National Issues, the Canadian Council for National Unity and Conference Board of Canada.

Louis P. Salley is a partner in the law firm of Worrall, Scott and Page, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Born in Alberta in 1938, Mr. Salley holds a Bachelor of Arts and law degree from the University of Alberta. He has since studied economics at Harvard Law School and the University of California (Berkeley).

Mr. Salley has held positions with the federal and British Columbia governments as well as with law firms in Alberta and British Columbia. From 1977 to 1984 Mr. Salley was involved in private business before taking up his current position.

Mr. Salley is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, the Law Society of British Columbia, the Canadian Bar Association and the International Bar Association.

Jeannine Guillevin Wood is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Guillevin International. Born in Montreal in 1929, Ms. Guillevin Wood has received honorary degrees from Université Laval and Saint Mary's University, as well as a Management Achievement Award from McGill University and an Award of Distinction from Concordia University.

Ms. Guillevin Wood assumed control of F.X. Guillevin & Fils., which now operates under the name of Guillevin International Inc., in 1965. In addition, Ms. Guillevin Wood was President of Copel Inc. from 1969 to 1982, and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1982 to 1985. Copel was formed by Ms. Guillevin Wood as a national marketing and buying group comprised of 20 independent electrical distributors.

Ms. Guillevin Wood's Directorships include: the Laurentian Bank of Canada, Royal Insurance Company of Canada, Hydro-Quebec, Bell Canada Enterprises Inc., Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the Business Council on National Issues, the Museum of Fine Arts of Montreal and l'Hôpital du Sacré-cœur de Montréal.



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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Michael D. Bell, currently Director General, Central and Eastern Europe Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Réjean Frenette, currently High Commissioner to Nigeria, as Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation.

David Karsgaard, currently Director, Caribbean and Central American Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada and Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

Suzanne Laporte, currently Director General, Strategic Management — Americas, Canadian International Development Agency, as Ambassador to the Republic of the Ivory Coast with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Mali and Burkina-Faso.

John Schram, currently Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Michael D. Bell (B.A., Honours, University of Windsor, 1966; M.A. [Political Science], University of Windsor, 1967), born in Windsor, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He served abroad in Kingston, Port of Spain, Tel Aviv and Rome. From 1987 to 1990, he was Ambassador to Jordan and from 1990 to 1992, Ambassador to Israel. In Ottawa he served as Executive Assistant for Middle East Affairs to the Honourable Robert L. Stanfield from 1979 to 1980; Director, Middle East Relations Division; and Senior Advisor, Middle East Refugee Working Group. Since 1992, Mr. Bell has been Director General, Central and Eastern Europe Bureau. He is married to Linda Bell and they have one daughter. Mr. Bell replaces Jacques Simard.

Réjean Frenette (B.A., Université de Montréal, 1963; B.Sc. [Political Science], Université de Montréal, 1965; M.A. [Industrial Relations], Université de Montréal, 1967), born in Québec, joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1967 and served abroad in Bonn, Washington, Tehran, Kuala Lumpur, and Paris. From 1992 to 1993, Mr. Frenette was Ambassador to Zaire with concurrent accreditation to Burundi, Congo and Rwanda and most recently has been High Commissioner to Nigeria, concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Benin. In Ottawa, he has held the position of Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Charlotte Dallaire and they have two sons. He succeeds Jacques Roy.

David Karsgaard (B.A. 1966; M.A. 1970; University of Manitoba), born in Vancouver, British Columbia, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972. He served abroad in New Delhi, Bonn, and from 1988 to 1990 as Ambassador to Iraq. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director, Cabinet Liaison and Co-ordination Division from 1984 to 1985; Director, Defence Relations Divisions from 1985 to 1988 and most recently as Director, Caribbean and Central America Relations Division. Mr. Karsgaard is married to Elizabeth Lorine Karsgaard. He succeeds David Malone.

Suzanne Laporte (B.A., B.Ed., University of Ottawa, 1971), born in Ottawa, Ontario, joined the Department of Communications in 1972. She has served abroad in Abidjan and in Paris where she was Canadian Representative to the Organization For Economic Co-operation and Development from 1986 to 1990. In Ottawa, at the Canadian International Development Agency, she has held the positions of Director General, North Africa and the Middle East Division; Senior Advisor, Transition Team, and most recently, Director General, Strategic Management - Americas. Ms. Laporte is married to Denis Franco and they have one child. She succeeds Denis Bélisle.

John Schram (B.A., Honours, University of Western Ontario, 1962; LL.B., University of Toronto, 1965; M.A., University of Ghana, Institute of African Studies, Commonwealth Scholar, 1967), born in London, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1969 and served abroad in Lagos, Manila, London and Pretoria. In Ottawa, he held positions in Legal Operations and the Pacific Division and was Deputy Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Division; Logistics and Protocol Co-ordinator for the 1987 Vancouver Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and the 1988 Toronto Economic Summit; and currently Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division. He is married to Alena Schram and they have three children. He succeeds Douglass Fogerty.



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CANADA CALLS FOR RELEASE OF BURMESE NOBEL LAUREATE

Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, today denounced the continuing detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by Burmese officials. On the fifth anniversary of the opposition leader's detention, Canada calls upon the Government of Burma to release the Nobel Peace Prize winner and all other political prisoners.

"Canadians share the outrage of the international community that for five long years Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has remained under house arrest, isolated from the people of Burma and from the outside world. This remarkable woman's sole offence has been to promote democracy and human rights in her country by peaceful means," said Mr. Chan.

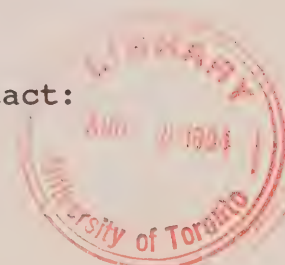
The Secretary of State urged the Government of Burma to pursue seriously Daw Suu Kyi's offer of talks, saying it would represent a positive step towards reconciliation, democratic development and genuine reform in Burma.

Although her arrest precluded her from campaigning in the 1990 election in Burma, Daw Suu Kyi's opposition party won the contest in a landslide victory.

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**CANADA AND JAPAN SIGN FILM, TELEVISION AND VIDEO
AGREEMENT**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Canadian Heritage Michel Dupuy today announced the signing of an agreement between Canada and Japan that will encourage film, television and video co-production.

The agreement, the first in this field that Japan has made with any country, was signed today in Tokyo by Mr. Ouellet and Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yohei Kono. It is designed to assist producers in sharing and reducing production costs and risks by pooling creative, financial and technical resources, and to facilitate distribution of productions in foreign markets.

"This is a ground-breaking agreement and I am confident that it will be of great benefit to Canadian producers of films, video and television programming. It will boost both our commercial and cultural relations in this sector which holds such enormous potential," said Mr. Ouellet.

Some of Canada's leading production companies and broadcasters, in both the private and public sectors, have been actively seeking expanded relations with the Japanese film, video and television sector.

"We have been negotiating for a number of years in hopes of reaching such an agreement. Several co-production projects, valued at some \$50 million, are already being developed and Canadian producers will benefit immediately from it," said Mr. Dupuy.

Canada already has co-production agreements with 23 countries, including Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong in the Asia-Pacific region. Over the last five years Canada has participated in 172 co-productions which, with an estimated value of just over \$1 billion, represent an increasing share of film and television production activity in Canada.

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CANADA JOINS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Transport Minister Douglas Young today announced that Canada has signed an Instrument of Acceptance of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

"Canada is pleased to adhere officially to this Convention which brings much needed discipline and fairness to the international maritime shipping industry," said Mr. Ouellet.

"This Convention means that Canadian shipowners and port authorities will now be able to rely on universally accepted rules to conduct their business," said Mr. Young.

The purpose of the Convention, which was adopted by an International Conference sponsored by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in June 1969, is to provide a universal tonnage measurement system enabling standardized measurements of each ship's gross and net tonnages. The Convention, which came into force in 1982, provided for a 12-year transition period that allowed owners of ships engaged in international voyages to adapt to the new rules. Canada had signed the Convention in 1969 "subject to acceptance."

The Convention applies only to merchant ships making international voyages. Warships and ships less than 24 metres in length are exempted, as are ships navigating only the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River up to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



The Canadian Coast Guard is responsible for the application of the Convention in Canadian waters.

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QUELLET WELCOMES SIGNING OF JORDAN-ISRAEL AGREEMENT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today warmly welcomed the signing of the Washington Declaration by King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, which brings to an end the "state of belligerency" between Jordan and Israel.

"The signing of the Washington Declaration is another historic step toward the conclusion of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. All Canadians pay tribute to the leadership and courage of King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister said that Canada has long encouraged the adoption of the kind of practical confidence-building measures included in the Declaration. Among others, the Washington agreement calls for the connection of Jordanian and Israeli telephone and electrical systems, the free movement of foreign tourists between the two countries and commits both parties to negotiate an end to all economic boycotts.

Mr. Ouellet added that he hopes that other countries in the region will also take such steps to normalize relations with Israel, and he congratulated President Clinton and the U.S. Administration for their essential role in brokering today's agreement.

Canada was represented at the signing ceremony by its Ambassador to the United States, Raymond Chrétien. Canada's presence testifies to its active role in the Peace Process. Canada chairs the Refugee Working Group, and participates in the other four working groups of the Multilateral track of the peace process, as well as being a member of the Multilateral Steering Group.

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OUELLET CONDEMNS ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI AND JEWISH TARGETS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today condemned the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London and attacks against Jewish targets in the United Kingdom, Argentina and Panama.

"Canadians are shocked and appalled at these terrorist acts and extend their heartfelt sympathy to the victims and their families," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister expressed the resolve of Canada and the international community to fight against terrorism and added that these latest incidents appear to be the work of those who reject the Middle East Peace Process.

"These acts only serve to underscore the importance of concluding a just peace in the Middle East and testify to the wisdom, courage and leadership of those who have fought so hard for peace, especially Israeli Prime Minister Rabin, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan," said Mr. Ouellet.

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FAR EASTERN TOUR BY THE VANCOUVER CHAMBER CHOIR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a grant of \$70 000 to the Vancouver Chamber Choir for a concert tour of Japan and Korea from July 27 to August 23, 1994.

"The Vancouver Chamber Choir will compete in two world-class choral events and perform in a number of major Asian cities. Cultural exchanges are an important element of Canada's international relations and I wish the members of the Choir success as they represent Canada on this exciting tour," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Vancouver Chamber Choir has appeared with significant international success in China, Hong Kong, Finland and the former Soviet Union. In August 1993, the Choir hosted the third World Symposium on Choral Music and impressed 2000 delegates from approximately 50 countries with their artistry and musicianship. The invitations to compete in Japan and Korea are a result of their world-class performances at the Symposium.

Today, at a ceremony at Vancouver International Airport, Dr. Hedy Fry, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre, presented Vancouver Chamber Choir conductor Jon Washburn with a cheque, as the Choir embarked on its Far Eastern Tour.

This grant is provided under the International Cultural Relations Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. This program supports Canadian performing artists as well as initiatives in international higher education.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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CHAN TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, will travel to Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, from August 1 to 16.

From August 1 to 3, Mr. Chan will attend the South Pacific Forum's Post-Forum Dialogue in Brisbane, Australia. While there, he will meet with leaders of some 15 South Pacific Islands to discuss issues related to sustainable environment management, high seas fisheries, development assistance and nuclear non-proliferation.

From August 3 to 7, Mr. Chan will pay a bilateral visit to Australia with stops in Canberra and Sydney. He will meet with ministers and parliamentarians as well as senior academics and experts in Asia-Pacific issues, members of the Australian business community and distinguished members of Australia's Chinese community.

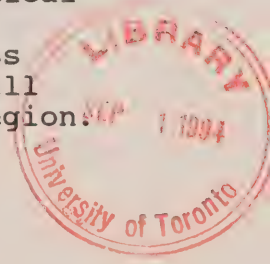
From August 7 to 10, Mr. Chan will travel to Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand. He will meet with government ministers — in particular the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of International Trade — as well as business leaders and other prominent community members, including representatives of New Zealand's Chinese community.

From August 10 to 16, Mr. Chan will visit Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. In these three countries he will hold talks with government ministers on the development of bilateral relations and international and regional economic and political issues of mutual interest. Mr. Chan will also meet local business leaders. In Malaysia and Singapore he will address major business associations, while in the Philippines he will hold a round table with key Canadian firms active in the region.

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CANADA SIGNS THREE AGREEMENTS WITH CHINA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today from Beijing the signing of three agreements with the Chinese government.

Mr. Ouellet signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty which will enhance Canada's ability to deal with international crime, drug trafficking and money laundering in particular. The Treaty provides for co-operation between China and Canada in the areas of prevention, investigation, and prosecution of criminals. Canada has similar treaties with eight other countries.

As part of a new development policy framework for China, Mr. Ouellet and China's Minister of International Trade and Economic Co-operation, Mrs. Wu Yi, signed a letter of intent on environmental co-operation. The Canadian International Development Agency will develop three projects and assist China to achieve the objectives agreed to at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, as outlined in the Agenda 21 global action plan.

The third agreement establishes a \$100-million line of credit from the Export Development Corporation. This matching concessional financing will enhance the competitiveness of Canadian exporters to China, especially in the case of small and medium-sized businesses.

Distribution criteria for this line of credit were developed in consultation with the private sector in order to ensure equal distribution of funds. No company or group of companies can receive more than \$20 million. This agreement was initiated by the Minister for International Trade, Roy MacLaren, during his trade mission to China last March.

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CANADA CO-SPONSORS UN RESOLUTION ON HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the United Nations Security Council, acting on the advice of the Friends of Haiti, has passed a resolution that authorizes the international community to use all necessary means to restore Haiti's democratically-elected President.

"The message is clear: we will not give up on Haiti. Democracy must be restored," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada co-sponsored the resolution with the United States, Argentina and France. The resolution authorizes member states to form a multinational force and to use all necessary means to implement the terms of the Governor's Island Agreement, including the departure of the *de facto* leaders, the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the deployment of the United Nations Mission to Haiti (UNMIH). The agreement also extends the UNMIH mandate for six more months and increases the size of the UNMIH force.

As one of the Friends of Haiti, Canada has participated from the beginning in international efforts to restore democracy and order in Haiti. Canada will take part in UNMIH once it is deployed, contributing to police training and to peacekeeping efforts. Discussions are taking place with the Friends and the United Nations Secretariat to determine the exact contribution that Canada will make.

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QUELLET SIGNS TWO AGREEMENTS WITH HONG KONG

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet signed in Hong Kong today two Canada-Hong Kong agreements: a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation, and an extension of the Agreement on the Investigation of Drug Trafficking and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking. James So, Secretary for Culture and Recreation, and Secretary for Security Alistair P. Asprey, signed on behalf of Hong Kong.

"These agreements are further evidence of the strength and diversity of Canada's relations with Hong Kong. Our social and cultural ties have grown in importance over the years and the agreements we have just signed provide a framework for further expansion of a cooperation that is already at a significant level," said Mr. Ouellet.

Under the cultural cooperation agreement, the two governments will encourage exchanges of artists, athletes, academics and others involved in cultural or sports activities. They will also promote cooperation in such fields as cinematography, publishing and broadcasting.

The Agreement on Drug Trafficking was first signed on November 14, 1990. It has facilitated the cooperation between Canada and Hong Kong authorities in the fight against drug trafficking.

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MACLAREN WELCOMES FAVOURABLE EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE DECISION ON SOFTWOOD LUMBER

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, welcomed today's decision by the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Extraordinary Challenge Committee (ECC) which dismissed U.S. allegations of conflict of interest and incorrect application of U.S. law regarding softwood lumber. The U.S. allegations were the last challenge to the FTA binational panel ruling that Canadian stumpage mechanisms and British Columbia log export controls are not countervailable subsidies.

"This has been a long, costly and hard-fought case. The win was the result of the strong Canadian defence mounted jointly by the industry, the provinces and the federal government," said Mr. MacLaren. "We expect the U.S. Administration to implement the ECC's findings as quickly as possible, which will result in refunds, with interest, of the approximately \$800 million in cash deposits that have been paid to date."

"I would like to underscore that the decision also means that two Canadian panelists, Richard Dearden and Lawson Hunter, named in the U.S. allegation, have been found not to be in conflict of interest," Mr. MacLaren stated.

"I continue to believe that trade remedy actions such as this are not appropriate in the context of an integrated North American market. I hope that the work of the North American Free Trade Agreement Working Groups on Anti-Dumping and Subsidies/Countervail will facilitate the resolution of such problems in the future," the Minister concluded.

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Date **August 8, 1994**

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CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCE JOINT PARTICIPATION IN WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, today launched a Working Holiday Program between Canada and New Zealand. Mr. Chan is in New Zealand on an official visit. Under the program, 200 young Canadians will be given the opportunity to work in New Zealand while vacationing there and 200 of their New Zealand counterparts will be able to benefit from the same program in Canada.

"The program is designed to promote interchange and understanding between Canada and New Zealand by giving young people a first-hand look at the values and culture of the host country, thereby strengthening ties between the two countries," said Mr. Chan.

This type of international exchange program for young workers and students is already in existence with about 20 European and Asian countries, enabling nearly 13 000 young Canadians to enjoy a cultural experience and to work abroad in 1994.

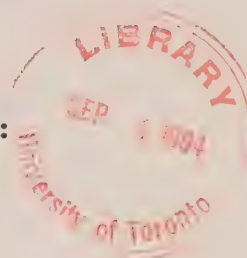
Conditions for admission to the Canada-New Zealand program are available from the New Zealand High Commission in Ottawa for Canadians, or from the Canadian High Commission in Wellington for New Zealanders.

The initiative is part of the International Cultural Relations Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

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CANADA TO EXTEND SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will further restrict international financial transactions between Canada and Haiti. The decision took effect on August 17.

"This will effectively prevent any banking between Canada and Haiti. Our objective is to ensure the total isolation of the de facto regime in Haiti," said Mr. Ouellet.

This latest step responds to a recommendation by the Organization of American States contained in its June 7 resolution that member states suspend international financial transactions with Haiti.

Under the new sanctions, Canadian financial institutions are prohibited from providing services related to international financial transactions to any person in Haiti. Exceptions to the prohibition are allowed for humanitarian and diplomatic reasons. Canada had previously banned the provision of financial services to, and frozen the assets of, members of the de facto regime.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW PROGRAM TO SUPPORT REFORM IN UKRAINE

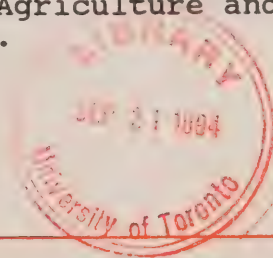
Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the launching of the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program. The goal of this new program is to promote democratic development and support the transition to a market-based economy in Ukraine through the implementation of small-scale, practical, technical assistance projects. The Government will contribute approximately \$2.5 million to this one-year program.

"This new program is testimony to Canada's special partnership with Ukraine and our commitment to support the economic and democratic reform process in that country. The program will draw on the strong human links which underpin Canada-Ukraine relations," said Mr. Ouellet.

The main objective of the program is to strengthen Ukrainian institutions and organizations in the public and private sectors, which are active in the areas of public administration, health, agriculture and civil society. Approximately 160 Canadian volunteers will undertake short-term practical assignments in Ukraine and 40 Ukrainians will travel to Canada for short-term training.

It is estimated that over 50 organizations and institutions in Ukraine will be strengthened through the transfer of skills through this initiative. The program will also facilitate the creation of 25 to 35 ongoing institutional links between Canadian and Ukrainian institutions.

The program will be managed by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, a non-governmental organization based in Winnipeg. It will also involve the Canadian Bureau for International Education, the Canadian Society for International Health, the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.



This initiative is part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Ukraine managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. More than \$27 million has been committed to date in support of some 60 projects. Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Martin Collacott, currently Canadian Representative in the Kingdom of Cambodia, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Christine Desloges, currently Director, Government Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Alain Dudoit, currently Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Verona Edelstein, most recently Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Wilfrid-Guy Licari, currently Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

Manfred G. von Nostitz, currently Director General, Security and Intelligence, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, with concurrent accreditation to the People's Democratic Republic of Laos.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Martin D. Collacott (B.A., University of Toronto, 1955; M.A., University of Toronto, 1959), born in Vancouver, British Columbia, worked as a Canadian International Development Agency advisor in North Borneo from 1960 to 1965 and subsequently served abroad with the Department of External Affairs in Saigon, Hong Kong, Beijing, Lagos, and Tokyo. From 1982 to 1986, he was High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and from 1990 to 1993 Ambassador to Syria and Lebanon. In Ottawa, Mr. Collacott held the positions of Director, Latin America Relations Division; Director, Security Division; and Director General, Security Services and Emergency Co-ordination Bureau in the Department of External Affairs. Since 1993, Mr. Collacott has been the Canadian Representative in Phnom Penh. He is married to Tuyet Collacott and they have two children.

Christine Desloges (B.A., Honours, St. Thomas University, 1977; M.A. [International Affairs], Carleton University, 1979), born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry Trade and Commerce in 1980 and served abroad in Beijing and Hong Kong. In Ottawa, she held the positions of Deputy Director, Media Relations Division and Director, Trade Communications Division. Ms. Desloges is Canada's first resident Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Alain Dudoit (B.A., Université de Montréal, 1966; B.Sc., M.Sc. [Political Science], LL.L., Université de Montréal), born in Montpellier, France, joined the Federal Public Service in 1972. He has held senior positions in the Privy Council Office, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of Finance. In 1982, he joined the Department of External Affairs and served as Senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; Minister-Counsellor (Economic and Trade) in Paris; Director General, Trade Communications Bureau and most recently as Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau. He is married to Michèle Sutto and they have two daughters. He succeeds Paul Frazer who has been named Minister (Public Affairs) in Washington.

Verona Edelstein (B.A., University of British Columbia, 1963; National Defence College, 1986), from Calgary, Alberta, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in London, Jakarta, New York (United Nations) and, from 1983 to 1985, as Minister in Bonn. In Ottawa, she held the positions of Director, United Nations Social and Humanitarian Affairs Division; Director, Africa Trade Development Division; Co-chair, Interdepartmental Working Group for an International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development; and Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division. Ms. Edelstein is married to Robert Sandor. She succeeds Patricia Marsden-Dole.

Wilfrid-Guy Licari (B.A., Mathematics and Philosophy, Stanislas College, Montreal, 1963; B.A., University of Montreal, 1965; Certificate of General Literary Studies, Université de Paris, 1966; Graduate Studies, Economic and Commercial Sciences, Paris, 1968), born in Tunis, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968. He served abroad in Nairobi, Algiers, Paris, Rome and from 1987 to 1991 was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. In Ottawa, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the European Division and Personnel Bureau and, from 1981 to 1984 held the position of Director of Francophone Africa and Maghreb. Since 1991, he has been Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau. He is married to Françoise Licari and they have two children. Mr. Licari succeeds Jacques Bilodeau who is returning to Canada.

Manfred G. von Nostitz (B.A., Honours [History], University of Toronto, 1963; M.A. [Political Science], 1965), born in Paris, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He served abroad in Saigon, Hanoi, Vienna, Munich, Bangkok and Washington. In 1984, Mr. von Nostitz was appointed High Commissioner to Malaysia and in 1988, Ambassador to Pakistan. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director, South and Southeast Asia Division; Director, United States General Relations Division; Director General, Policy and Plans with the Communications Security Establishment; and Director General, International Organizations at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Judith Lee Irwin and they have two children. Mr. von Nostitz succeeds Arthur Perron who has recently been named as Ambassador in support of Quebec's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.



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MACLAREN TO PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit Argentina and Brazil from August 28 to September 3.

This visit will enable him to promote Canadian capabilities in the region and to support the marketing efforts of numerous Canadian companies who will be participating in his program. "Market deregulation and liberalization have made prospects for increased trade and investment links with Argentina and Brazil more promising," Mr. MacLaren said.

In 1993, exports to Argentina increased 23 per cent over 1992 to reach \$135 million, while exports to Brazil rose 20 per cent to \$750 million. Canada imported \$115 million worth of goods from Argentina in 1993, and \$788 million worth of goods from Brazil. Canadians have invested about \$800 million in Argentina and about \$3 billion in Brazil, which is one of Canada's most important destinations for foreign investment.

During his stay in Buenos Aires, from August 28 to 31, Mr. MacLaren will meet Argentine President Carlos Menem, Minister of Foreign Affairs Guido Di Tella, Economy Minister Domingo F. Cavallo, other senior government representatives as well as Argentine businesspeople.

Mr. MacLaren will also participate in the 10th Annual Convention of the *Asociación de Bancos del Argentina* (ADEBA). In an address to the convention, he will discuss the prospects for further trade liberalization in the Western Hemisphere.

While in Brazil from August 31 to September 2, Mr. MacLaren will meet the Governor of Rio Grande do Sul, the Mayor of São Paulo, as well as senior state and business representatives. He will address a luncheon hosted by the São Paulo Federation of Industries.

The Minister will also call on the President of the Brazilian Wheat Millers Association (ABITRIGO) and selected wheat importers, as well as telecommunications industry representatives, including TELESP, São Paulo's state telephone company.

Mr. MacLaren will visit the Canadian Pavilion at the Expointer International Livestock Show in Pôrto Alegre, and he will witness the signature of an agreement between Microtempus Inc. and the University of São Paulo for the development of software applications.

A list of Canadian companies participating in the Minister's program is attached.

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LIST OF PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

Argentina

AECL CANDU
Mississauga, Ontario

B A BANKNOTE
Ottawa, Ontario

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
Toronto, Ontario

BCGT
Quebec City, Quebec

BC HYDRO INTERNATIONAL
Vancouver, B.C.

CAL CORPORATION
Ottawa, Ontario

CANAC INTERNATIONAL INC.
Montreal, Quebec

CANADA POST SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
Ottawa, Ontario

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF
COMMERCE
Toronto, Ontario

CHAUVCO RESOURCES LTD.
Calgary, Alberta

GE CANADA
Mississauga, Ontario

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO
MINISTRY OF AGRI-FOOD AND
RURAL AFFAIRS
Toronto, Ontario

HUGHES AIRCRAFT OF CANADA LTD.
Calgary, Alberta

INTERNATIONAL MUSTO
EXPLORATIONS LTD.
Vancouver, B.C.

INTERNATIONAL ROAD DYNAMICS
INC.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

MARINE EXPEDITIONS INC.
Toronto, Ontario

MONENCO AGRA
Oakville, Ontario

NEWBRIDGE NETWORKS CORP.
Kanata, Ontario

NORCEN ENERGY RESOURCES LTD.
Calgary, Alberta

NORTHERN TELECOM LTD.
Mississauga, Ontario

NOVA CORP.
Calgary, Alberta

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Montreal, Quebec

ROYAL BUILDING SYSTEMS (CDN)
LTD.
Weston, Ontario

SEAGULL PEWTER
Pugwash, Nova Scotia

SR TELECOM INC.
Saint-Laurent, Quebec

TRANSALTA UTILITIES CORP.
Calgary, Alberta

WESTERN STAR TRUCKS INC.
Kelowna, B.C.

Brazil

ALCAN ALUMINUM LTD.
Montreal, Quebec

ALTA GENETICS
Balzac, Alberta

BANK OF MONTREAL
Toronto, Ontario

BRASCAN LTD.
Toronto, Ontario

BRISTOL AEROSPACE LTD.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANAC INTERNATIONAL INC.
Montreal, Quebec

CANADIAN AIRLINES INT. LTD.
Calgary, Alberta

CANADIAN GENETICS INC.
Carstairs, Alberta

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF
COMMERCE
Toronto, Ontario

CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION
ASSOC.
Regina, Saskatchewan

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD
Winnipeg, Manitoba

COFIAM
Montreal, Quebec

GOODFELLOW CONSULTANTS
Mississauga, Ontario

INDUSTRIES GODBOUT
Sherbrooke, Quebec

KETCHUM MANUFACTURING SALES
LTD.
Ottawa, Ontario

LUZZA INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK
CORPORATION
Mississauga, Ontario

MARINE EXPEDITIONS INC.
Toronto, Ontario

MCCAIN FOODS LIMITED
Florenceville, N.B.

MICROTEMPUS INC.
Montreal, Quebec

MOORE BUSINESS FORMS & SYSTEMS
Mississauga, Ontario

NEWBRIDGE NETWORKS CORP.
Kanata, Ontario

NORTHERN TELECOM LTD.
Mississauga, Ontario

PRISM SYSTEMS INC.
Richmond, B.C.

RES POLICY RESEARCH
Ottawa, Ontario

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Montreal, Quebec

SEAGRAM'S DISTILLERS LTD.
Montreal, Quebec

SEMEX CANADA
Guelph, Ontario

SR TELECOM INC.
St. Laurent, Quebec

TEKCON CONTRACTORS
Regina, Saskatchewan

WESTERN STAR TRUCKS
Kelowna, B.C.



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CANADA TO HOST SYMPOSIUM FOR SENIOR OFFICERS OF MIDDLE EASTERN NAVAL FORCES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will host a Symposium on Maritime Confidence-Building Measures for Commanders and other senior officers of Middle Eastern naval forces. The Symposium, which will be held from August 29 to September 1, 1994, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is taking place in the context of the Middle East Peace Process.

"Canada is particularly pleased to host this Symposium which will bring together, for the first time, high-ranking Israeli and Arab naval officers. Canada is strongly committed to taking concrete steps to advance the Middle East Peace Process. This Symposium represents a rare opportunity for senior officers from the region to exchange views face-to-face," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Halifax Symposium is intended to allow Middle Eastern naval officers to follow up on progress to date on such issues as multilateral co-operation in Search and Rescue operations, Prevention of Incidents at Sea, and regional maritime security and co-operation. Representatives of the United States and Russia, as co-sponsors of the Peace Process, will also attend. The Canadian Coast Guard will provide a demonstration of Canadian Search and Rescue techniques.

The Halifax Symposium, which will be hosted by Rear-Admiral Gary Garnett, Commander of the Canadian Navy's Atlantic fleet, is being organized by Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Attached is a backgrounder which provides more details on Canada's contribution to Maritime Confidence-Building Measures in the Middle East.

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Backgrounder

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME CONFIDENCE-BUILDING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Launched in Madrid in October 1991 with the United States and the former Soviet Union as co-sponsors, the Middle East Peace Process is a major international effort aimed at resolving the long-standing Arab-Israeli conflict. It is a two-track process consisting of direct bilateral negotiations between Israel and its neighbours — Jordan, Syria and Lebanon — and the Palestinians, and of multilateral negotiations involving more than 40 regional and non-regional countries sitting in five working groups.

Canada is an active participant in the multilateral phase of the Peace Process which was launched in Moscow in January 1992. In addition to chairing the Refugee Working Group, Canada participates in the other four working groups — Arms Control and Regional Security, Economic Development, Water Resources, and the Environment — and is also a member of the Multilateral Steering Group which reviews the work of all five groups and plans future meetings.

The purpose of these talks is to complement the bilateral negotiations by focusing on issues of regional concern and taking concerted action in addressing them.

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES: CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION

Recognizing Canada's consistent contribution to regional peacekeeping, active participation in the Arms Control and Regional Security Group, and naval and coast guard expertise, the Group asked Canada to lead its examination of the applicability of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures (MCBMs) in the Middle East.

MCBMs were seen as a potentially productive topic because, of all the spheres of military rivalry in the Middle East, the maritime arena is generally regarded as the least contentious. Because there are relatively few Middle East disputes of a purely naval character, it was reasoned that it might be easier for concrete steps to be taken in the maritime sphere at the beginning of the process.

After consultations, Canada proposed that initial considerations should centre on two specific measures: enhanced regional co-operation in maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) and the elaboration of the basic framework of a regional Prevention of Incidents at Sea (INCSEA) Agreement.

Following acceptance of these proposals, Canada organized a workshop at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova

Scotia, in September 1993. The workshop emphasized practical, hands-on examination of both SAR and INCSEA concepts. Though all participants have Search and Rescue capabilities, co-operation in this field is not yet a common feature in the region. The concept of Prevention of Incidents at Sea is entirely new to the region.

At the end of the Sydney Workshop, which included Israeli and Arab participants, all agreed that a good beginning would be for regional states to exchange information on their SAR communications frequencies and their command and control provisions for SAR. On the issue of the prevention of incidents at sea, the workshop demonstrated that early communication of intentions between ships is the best means of avoiding misunderstandings and that the ready availability of a group of specially tailored signals can help prevent a benign misunderstanding from becoming a potential source of conflict. The participants agreed on the importance of timely and thorough consultations and on the need for a specific code of procedures for encounters at sea. In that regard, they asked Canada to prepare a draft text for a multilateral INCSEA Agreement in the Middle East.

Discussion on both issues resumed at a workshop last March in Antalya, Turkey. The talks focused on the desirability and mechanics of enhanced regional co-operation in the area of Search and Rescue and on Canada's draft INCSEA text which was accepted as a basic framework for the discussions.

As a way of supporting these discussions, Canada was asked to prepare two events this summer for officers of Middle Eastern navies. The first was a practical demonstration of both Search and Rescue and Prevention of Incidents at Sea concepts. The demonstration, involving Canadian and American warships — HMCS *Halifax* and USS *Santa Barbara* — currently stationed in the Mediterranean, took place near Venice off the coast of Italy on July 15. Aviation units of the Italian navy also participated. The demonstration allowed Middle Eastern naval officers to acquire first-hand experience of the implementation of the Maritime Confidence-Building Measures under discussion.

The second event is the symposium for the commanders and other high-ranking officers of the Middle Eastern navies to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 29 to September 1. The Symposium will focus on such issues as multilateral co-operation in Search and Rescue operations, Prevention of Incidents at Sea, and regional maritime security and co-operation.

Canada believes that, given the history of conflict in the Middle East, it is quite significant that Israeli and Arab naval officers are prepared to undertake an in-depth examination of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN CULTURAL HEAD IN PARIS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Émile Martel as Minister (Cultural Affairs) at the Embassy of Canada in Paris.

"This is a key post for Canada in the delivery of our International Cultural Relations Program," said Mr. Ouellet. "Mr. Martel's experience and abilities will be a great asset for us in winning further recognition and increased commercial success for Canada in the cultural field."

Mr. Martel is a career diplomat who joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He has served abroad in San José (Costa Rica), Madrid, Mexico City and has had two previous postings to Paris, first as First Secretary (Press) and then as Minister-Counsellor (Culture and Communications). His most recent assignment at headquarters was as Senior Policy Adviser in the Latin America and Caribbean Branch.

A university professor prior to joining the Department, Mr. Martel is also a successful author and poet. He has published eight works of fiction and poetry and has translated works from Spanish into French.

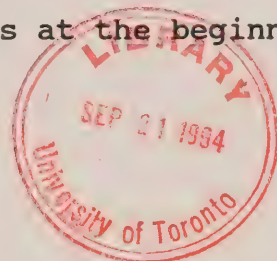
Mr. Martel assumes his responsibilities in Paris at the beginning of September.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Émile Martel (B.A., University of Ottawa, 1960; L.ès L. [Spanish Studies], Université Laval, 1962; Doctorado en filosofía y letras [Spanish Literature], Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, 1964), born in Amos, Quebec, was Assistant Professor of Spanish and French Language and Literature at the universities of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Victoria, British Columbia, between 1964 and 1967.

He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1967 and has served in San José (Costa Rica), Madrid, Mexico City and at the Canadian Embassy in Paris where he was First Secretary (Press) from 1972 to 1975 and Minister-Counsellor (Culture and Communications) from 1987 to 1991. In Ottawa he was Director, Caribbean and Central America Relations, from 1983 to 1985, Deputy Director of Protocol from 1991 to 1992, and until quite recently, Senior Policy Advisor, Latin America and Caribbean Branch.

Mr. Martel has published eight poetry and fiction works and, as a translator, has published and produced a commentary on the works of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and Miguel Hernandez. Among his publications, *Les gants jetés* (1977) was a finalist for the prix du Journal de Montréal. Mr. Martel is a founding member of the Union des écrivains québécois. He is married to Nicole Perron-Martel and they have two sons.



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OUELLET ANNOUNCES DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi will lead Canada's official delegation to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). The Conference, from September 5 to 13 in Cairo Egypt, will bring together representatives of up to 180 nations to discuss the complex links between population growth rates, social and economic development, the empowerment of women, the environment and migrations.

A Programme of Action, to be adopted at the Conference, will set out the objectives and required actions in the field of population and development for the next 20 years.

"Canada has worked hard in the preparations for the Cairo Conference and we strongly support the approach taken in its draft Programme of Action. It recognizes that economic development and population growth must be managed in a way that does not destroy the life-support systems of our planet. And it recognizes that empowering women is key to that goal," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Environmental degradation, conflict and privation force millions of people to flee their homes every year," said Mr. Marchi.

"Making it possible for people to stay home, in security and with hope for their future, is the key to ensuring that migration is a matter of choice, not desperation. Recognizing the crucial link between international migration and development is what the Cairo Conference is also about."

Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will join Mr. Marchi in Cairo, following her trip to Ethiopia and Eritrea. The Canadian delegation to the ICPD includes six Canadian parliamentarians and representatives of a number of non-governmental organizations. They are the Canadian Council for Refugees, L'association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the Ontario Conservation Council, the Canadian Federation of Demographers and Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada.

In preparing for the Cairo Conference, the Canadian government invited the views of a wide range of Canadians, principally through the National Advisory Council on the ICPD. The Government also welcomed the views of individual Canadians, interest groups, parliamentarians, the provinces and United Nations agencies.

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CANADA WELCOMES RUSSIAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM LATVIA AND ESTONIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the withdrawal of the remaining Russian troops from Estonia and Latvia, which was completed on schedule by August 31.

"The departure of the last Russian troops is a historic occasion. It reinforces Latvia's and Estonia's sovereignty and represents a victory of statesmanship over confrontation," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada had repeatedly called for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia and Latvia. Their departure means that all three Baltic states — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — are free of foreign troops for the first time in over 50 years. In withdrawing its forces, Russia has lived up to commitments made to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Mr. Ouellet also called on Latvia and Estonia to exercise continued understanding in easing the integration of their minorities, including those of Russian origin.

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CANADA TO CONTINUE MONITORING PROGRAM FOR STEEL IMPORTS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, has announced that Canada's monitoring program for imports of carbon steel and specialty steel products will be extended for another two years. The program, in place since 1986 for carbon steel and since 1987 for specialty steel, is now scheduled to expire on August 31, 1996.

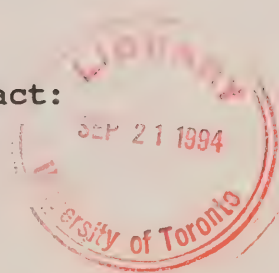
The decision to extend the monitoring program beyond its scheduled August 31, 1994, expiry date was prompted by continued overcapacity in world steel production and limited access to most markets through the use of tariff and non-tariff barriers. Canada has conducted five anti-dumping investigations on imports of steel products over the past 18 months, which underlines the continuing worldwide state of overcapacity.

The statistics gathered under the program are a key early indicator of overall import trends and prices, and have been an important resource for the government/industry Import Surveillance Committee which monitors steel imports and their possible impact on the Canadian market.

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OUELLET SIGNS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING MONTREAL HEADQUARTERS FOR NORTH AMERICAN COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OPERATION

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today signed, in Montreal, the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Canada and the North American Commission for Environmental Co-operation, establishing the Commission's Secretariat in Montreal.

"Montreal has a well-earned reputation as an international city. The establishment of the Commission's headquarters there is further proof that Montreal's world-class amenities are recognized and respected not just in Canada, but around the world," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Commission is the international organization established under the North American Agreement for Environmental Co-operation signed by Canada, Mexico and the United States last year. It comprises a ministerial-level Council, the central Secretariat and a Joint Public Advisory Committee.

The Headquarters Agreement provides the legal basis for establishing the Environmental Commission as a legal entity under Canadian law.

The Agreement was also signed by the executive director of the Secretariat, Victor Lichtinger, at the signing ceremony in Montreal. The Secretariat, which will have a full-time staff of about 30 people from the three North American Free Trade Agreement countries, is responsible for carrying out the work of the Commission.

The Environmental Commission will promote sustainable development, increase environmental co-operation and enhance compliance with domestic environmental laws and regulations in North America. The Headquarters Agreement marks another important step in enabling the Commission to begin its work toward achieving these goals.

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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES VISIT OF JAPANESE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY HASHIMOTO

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that His Excellency Ryutaro Hashimoto, Minister of International Trade and Industry of Japan, will make an official visit to Canada on September 6 and 7.

During his stay, Mr. Hashimoto will meet the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. MacLaren, and the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry.

Mr. MacLaren will review Canada-Japan trade relations, discuss the economic reforms under way in Japan, such as deregulation in areas of the building products market, and emphasize a timely implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round. He will also reiterate Canada's hope that any opening of the Japanese market, as a result of talks with the United States, will be applied on a multilateral basis and not discriminate against Canada.

Mr. Hashimoto's visit immediately precedes framework talks between Japan and the United States to be held in Washington and the upcoming Quadrilateral Trade Ministers' Meeting in Los Angeles.

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SOUTH KOREAN MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY TO VISIT OTTAWA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that Dr. Chulsu Kim, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea, will visit Ottawa on September 6, 1994.

While in Ottawa, Dr. Kim will meet with the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and with Mr. MacLaren.

Talks with Mr. MacLaren will focus on bilateral and multilateral issues including the work of the Canada-Korea special partnership working group. Established in April, the group's mandate is to identify ways to increase economic links and to strengthen trade and investment ties between the two countries.

The working group is exploring several options to further co-operation, including enhanced market access, the encouragement of joint ventures, and collaboration in various international organizations, including the new World Trade Organization.

"I am hopeful that the working group will effectively deal with market access issues in particular," Mr. MacLaren said. "I look forward to the group's proposals for market-opening initiatives to increase bilateral trade and investment."

Mr. MacLaren and Dr. Kim will have the opportunity to review the final report of the working group at the meeting of trade ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum in October.

In Dr. Kim's honour, Mr. MacLaren will host a dinner which will also be attended by members of the Canada-Korea business community.

The Republic of Korea is Canada's fifth-largest export market. Bilateral trade totalled more than \$3.9 billion in 1993.

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CANADA EXPANDS NUCLEAR SAFETY PROGRAM IN RUSSIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada and the Russian Federation have signed, in Moscow, a Memorandum of Understanding launching the Nuclear Safety and Engineering Program.

"Nuclear safety is one of the most important issues to address in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Canada is committed to helping these countries run their nuclear power plants as safely as possible," said Mr. Ouellet.

Under the Nuclear Safety and Engineering Program, Canadian personnel from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited will work full-time in nuclear power plants in Russia, bringing first-hand Canadian experience to their Russian counterparts. The Canadians will give training in Canadian safety procedures, help improve safety practices at the Russian plants, and provide engineering designs for safety improvements in the plants. The total cost of the program will be \$10 million over two years. The project is a major element of the three-year, \$30-million Canadian Nuclear Safety Initiative (CNSI), announced in June 1992.

Another important element of the CNSI — the Regulatory Co-operation Program — began in early June, 1994. The program consists of a series of internships with the Atomic Energy Control Board for senior officials of the nuclear regulatory agencies of Russia, Ukraine, and Lithuania. It will familiarize the visiting officials with the Canadian approach to regulating the nuclear power industry, including licensing and safety regulations.

Funding for these initiatives was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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MACLAREN TO PUSH FOR URUGUAY ROUND IMPLEMENTATION AT QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING



The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today said he will push for full and rapid implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements when he meets with his counterparts from the United States, Japan and the European Union (EU) at the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting in Los Angeles from September 9 to 11.

He will also discuss a range of post-Uruguay Round initiatives aimed at maintaining the momentum of trade liberalization. Proposals developed among the Quadrilateral countries will pave the way for further discussion at the Group of Seven (leading industrialized countries) Economic Summit in Halifax next July.

"The Uruguay Round agreements, signed by more than 100 governments in Marrakesh five months ago, provide a framework for expanding global trade and investment," Mr. MacLaren said. "But to realize the job- and wealth-creating potentials of those agreements, governments must fully and faithfully enact implementing legislation in time for the scheduled January 1, 1995, entry into force of the World Trade Organization."

In addition to Uruguay Round implementation and the operation of the World Trade Organization, the agenda includes possible consideration of "new" issues, such as competition policies, labour and the environment, and global rules on investment.

The "Quad" will be held at the Century Plaza Hotel and Tower in Los Angeles. A photo opportunity will be provided on Saturday, September 10, at 9 a.m. There will be a news conference following the meeting, on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m., including U.S. Trade Representative Michael Kantor, Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry, Ryutaro Hashimoto, EU Commissioner for External Economic Relations and Trade Policy, Sir Leon Brittan, and Mr. MacLaren.

Prior to attending the Los Angeles meeting, Mr. MacLaren will visit San Francisco. On September 8 he will meet with high technology industry leaders to discuss co-operation with Canadian firms. On September 9 he will address the California Council for International Trade and the World Affairs Council.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA CULTURAL GROUPS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced, during a visit to Vancouver, grants to four British Columbia cultural groups totalling \$132 500. The groups are: Ballet B.C.; the Karen Jamieson Dance Company; the Sen'klip Native Theatre Company; and the Vancouver International Film Festival.

Ballet B.C. received \$26 000 to perform in Tokyo as part of a Canadian dance festival in the Far East this fall. The Karen Jamieson Dance Company was awarded \$53 000 for performances in Tokyo as part of the same festival.

These performances will be part of a major presentation of Canadian dance in Asia this fall, involving seven Canadian dance companies from across the country. Besides Tokyo, Canadian contemporary dance will be seen in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei.

This will be the largest showcase of Canadian artistic creativity that has ever been displayed in the Asia-Pacific region at one time, and is evidence of the increasing importance that cultural links play in Canada's relations with this dynamic and rapidly expanding part of the world.

In another artistic field, the Sen'klip Native Theatre Company received a grant of \$40 000 for a 16-day tour during the month of October to present their production of *Dreamcatcher* in 11 major German and Dutch cities. A major objective of the project is to promote tourism to British Columbia.

The Vancouver International Film Festival was provided with a grant of \$13 500 to enable the organizers to invite buyers from the Asia-Pacific region to the festival. The purpose is to create greater marketing opportunities for Canadian film makers.

These grants are provided under the International Cultural Relations Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. This program supports initiatives in the field of the arts and higher education undertaken abroad.

Funding for these initiatives was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES CREATION OF APEC STUDY CENTRE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APFC) has been designated as the site of a new Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Study Centre in Canada.

The Centre will serve as a clearing house for a wide range of information on the Asia-Pacific region, including studies by international organizations and think tanks, research abstracts, government and private sector market studies, academic works in progress and articles in publications and on electronic networks. It is part of the APEC Leaders Education Initiative launched at the Seattle Summit of APEC leaders last November.

Mr. Ouellet said that the APFC was chosen as the site of the APEC Study Centre because of the independent non-profit organization's ongoing efforts to promote awareness and understanding of the Asia-Pacific in Canada, as well as knowledge about Canada in the region. Established in 1984, the APFC works to increase Canada's competitiveness in the Asia-Pacific region and to develop institutional and personal networks between Canada and Asia.

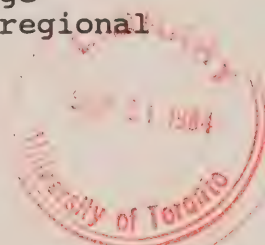
Using the existing APFNET electronic communication system, the APEC Study Centre will serve both the academic and business communities. APFC regional offices across Canada, in Victoria, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, will facilitate dissemination and collection of information. Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

APEC is a regional consultative body which consists of Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States. Its aim is to develop regional co-operation in higher education, to encourage cultural and economic exchanges, to promote the study of key regional economic issues and to increase understanding of the region.

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CANADA AND POLAND SIGN MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada and Poland have signed a Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. The Treaty was signed by Mr. Ouellet and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Olechowski, at a ceremony this morning on Parliament Hill.

"The signing of this Treaty is important for both Canada and Poland as it seeks to ensure that evidence gathered in either country is in a form that will be admissible in the courts of both countries," said Mr. Ouellet.

The agreement provides for co-operation between police and prosecutors in Canada and Poland in the areas of crime prevention, investigation and prosecution. More specifically, it includes sharing information, gathering and delivering evidence, obtaining statements, locating persons and objects, carrying out search and seizure, and making available detained persons to give evidence or to assist with investigations.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR POLAND

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a series of new Canadian technical assistance initiatives totalling \$3.85 million designed to support political and economic reform in Poland. The projects focus on entrepreneurial training, support for enhanced inter-country agricultural trade and a volunteer youth service program.

"These new initiatives provide practical, immediate assistance in areas of primary importance to Poland and underline Canada's commitment to support Poland during this period of democratic and economic transformation. Drawing upon the historic ties between our countries, the projects will establish direct, one-to-one links between Canadian and Polish individuals and organizations."

One project will provide entrepreneurial and small business start-up training to close to 1500 Polish entrepreneurs to support the growth of private enterprise at the grass-roots level in Poland. The second project will work to upgrade dairy and related agricultural industries in both Poland and Ukraine and to encourage agricultural trade between the two countries. The third initiative will introduce an international youth service program to engage young volunteers from Poland, Hungary and Canada in community development projects.

The projects are part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Poland managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. More than \$26.7 million has been committed to date in support of some 95 projects.

Funding for the new projects was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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NEW CANADIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR POLAND

The projects announced today are part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Poland managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program is designed to support the transition to a market economy, to promote democratic development, and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Poland. Approximately \$26.7 million has been committed to date in support of 95 projects in the priority sectors of private sector development, agriculture and education.

The new projects include:

Entrepreneurial Training

Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology of Thunder Bay, Ontario, will implement a three-year, \$950 000 project to provide small business and entrepreneurial training to Polish entrepreneurs. Working in co-operation with the Polish Centre for Privatization, a government agency whose mandate includes management training, the project will establish self-sustaining training programs for entrepreneurs in eight district labour offices across Poland. By mid-1997 over 1000 unemployed persons will receive training in the start-up and running of a small business, some 360 current business owners will benefit from advanced level enterprise management instruction, and close to 200 Polish labour officers will be trained as business counsellors and trainers. Building on the success of an earlier \$415 000 Canadian initiative, this project will contribute to the continued growth of small business in Poland.

Agricultural Trade

An innovative \$2.1-million co-operative initiative between Canada, Poland and Ukraine will work to modernize dairy and related agricultural industries and promote inter-country agricultural trade. Under the four-year project, a consortium of Canadian companies will work with private dairy farms and a local dairy processing plant in L'viv Oblast, Ukraine, approximately 40 kilometres from the Polish border, to improve management capabilities and upgrade milk quality to international standards for the export of dairy products to Poland. The consortium will also work with a private feed mill in eastern Poland to improve the quality and diversity of its feed products and nutritional supplements for export to Ukraine. The Canadian private sector consortium is led by Ault International of Etobicoke, Ontario, and includes Semex Canada, Maple Leaf Foods International, Davis & Lawrence and Shur-Gain Division.

Youth Service Program

Canada World Youth will manage a one year, \$800 000 youth exchange program for young people between the ages of 17 and 21 from Poland, Hungary and Canada. Beginning in November 1994, 70 young volunteers will undertake four-month community development projects in Canada to be followed by additional four-month placements in either Poland or Hungary. The community projects will focus on small business, health, environment and agricultural co-operatives. Under the program, Polish participants will be concentrated in the three prairie provinces and the youth from Hungary will work on projects in British Columbia. Together, Canada World Youth, Poland's National Water Foundation, a major non-governmental organization specializing in community development, and the Youth Affairs Council of Hungary will co-ordinate the exchange. The project results from Canada's commitment to develop a pilot youth service initiative made during Mr. Ouellet's visit to Poland in March 1994.



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OUELLET ANNOUNCES CANADA-POLAND ENTREPRENEURS FUND

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced Canada's intention to establish a \$32-million Canada-Poland Entrepreneurs Fund to support the development and growth of small and medium-sized business enterprises in Poland.

"Small and medium-sized companies are at the forefront of Poland's economic turnaround and are critical to the success of the Polish government's efforts to foster a vibrant free market economy. This innovative fund will provide direct assistance to the grass-roots entrepreneurs and managers who are a major source of new employment and the driving force behind Poland's rapidly growing private sector," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Canada-Poland Entrepreneurs Fund will provide financial assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises in a selected region of Poland through the provision of short-term credit, long-term equity and a loan guarantee program. Supporting business advisory services and training will also be provided under the project. The revolving loan fund will target private Polish companies employing between five and 100 full-time employees. In addition, Canadian-Polish joint ventures located anywhere in Poland will be eligible for assistance.

Canada is currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding on the management and structure of the Fund. It is anticipated that the Fund will commence operations in 1995.

The Canada-Poland Entrepreneurs Fund is part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Poland managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. More than \$26.7 million has been committed to date in support of some 95 projects.

Funding for this initiative will be drawn from Canada's original 1989 contribution to the multilateral Polish Stabilization Fund designed to support Poland's foreign exchange reserves.

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MacLAREN PROMOTES CANADIAN BUSINESS TIES WITH MICHIGAN

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will visit Detroit, September 15-16, to promote Canadian trade and investment interests in Michigan and offer his support to new Canadian exporters.

Mr. MacLaren will hold discussions with U.S. business leaders, including executives from the Big Three auto manufacturers, retailers, bankers and customs brokers.

On September 15, he will join Canadian companies visiting Detroit as part of the New Exporters to Border States program sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Government of Ontario.

"Canadian companies, particularly small and medium-sized companies located along the U.S. border, must continue to make efforts to enlarge their presence in the U.S. market,"

Mr. MacLaren said. "There is no better time than the present, with trade between Canada and the United States at record levels, to raise the profile of Canadian goods and services and find new customers."

With total two-way trade between Canada and Michigan at nearly \$61 billion, mainly in automotive products, the state is a larger market for Canadian goods than Japan.

On September 16, the Minister will address the Canada-U.S. Business Association, an organization representing area businesses on both sides of the border.

"Given the enormous volume of Canada-U.S. trade, and the growing importance of Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), it is important that our three countries vigorously pursue the unfinished NAFTA business — the reform of trade remedy laws — so as to provide the business community with a more predictable trading environment in which to operate," Mr. MacLaren said.

Mr. MacLaren will also be urging U.S. business to support the early and full enactment by Congress of clean Uruguay Round implementing legislation, free of protectionist add-ons.

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CANADA WELCOMES AGREEMENT TO REINSTATE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the agreement to peacefully reinstate the democratically elected government of Lesotho.

"Canada looks forward to seeing democracy restored in Lesotho. The agreement will help to promote the dialogue needed to resolve the constitutional problems that have gripped the country," said Mr. Ouellet.

The agreement was signed in Masuru today by King Letsie III and Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle following mediation efforts by Presidents Mandela of South Africa, Mugabe of Zimbabwe and Masire of Botswana. Mr. Ouellet noted Canada's firm support for the involvement of regional leaders in helping to bring an end to the crisis.

Lesotho's constitutional crisis began on August 17, 1994, when King Letsie III dissolved the elected government, suspended parts of the constitution and appointed a provisional council to run the country.

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OUELLET TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF OAS SECRETARY-GENERAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will attend the inauguration of César Gaviria Trujillo as Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS). The inauguration takes place on September 15 in Washington. Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will accompany Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet will meet with Mr. Gaviria to discuss future directions for the OAS, reform initiatives, and OAS involvement in the Summit of the Americas to be held in Miami in December.

During his visit, Mr. Ouellet will also meet with the United States Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, to discuss issues of mutual interest. Before leaving Washington, Mr. Ouellet will hold talks with President Aristide of Haiti.

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CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON THE BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS CONVENTION

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will participate in the Special Conference on the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in Geneva, from September 19 to 30.

"Canada is strongly committed to strengthening the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention to prevent the proliferation of such weapons throughout the world. Effective verification provisions will be the key," said Mr. Ouellet.

When it was opened for signature in 1972, the Convention did not make any provision for the type of verification that has come to be associated with rigorous arms control and disarmament agreements. A Group of Experts has been working for the past two years to identify and evaluate potential verification measures to better address this situation.

Canada's main objectives for the Conference are:

- to obtain agreement on a mandate to negotiate and draft a Protocol to monitor compliance with the Convention, including measures such as mandatory declarations, visits and inspections, and voluntary information sharing; and
- to establish an Ad Hoc Committee, open to all States Parties, that will hold formal negotiations to fulfil the mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee's work is expected to culminate at the Fourth Review Conference to be held in 1996, with the adoption of a compliance protocol and a considerably strengthened Convention.

More than 130 states are party to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention. In 1972, Canada signed and ratified the Convention, which came into force in 1975.

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CANADA SIGNS NUCLEAR SAFETY CONVENTION

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada has signed the Nuclear Safety Convention. Dr. Agnes Bishop, President of the Atomic Energy Control Board, signed the Convention on behalf of Canada during the annual General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna today.

"I am proud to say that Canada was the first country to sign the Convention. I call on all states to sign this document soon and to bring it into force. The Nuclear Safety Convention will provide an important international forum to promote the safety and effective regulation of nuclear facilities," Mr. Ouellet said.

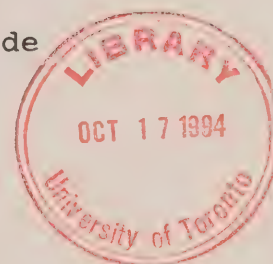
Sponsored by the IAEA, the Convention reflects fundamental safety principles. Its objective is to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide through both the enhancement of national measures and international co-operation. An important feature is the peer review process which will result in greater international collaboration and transparency in nuclear safety.

Canada has been actively involved in the elaboration of this Convention since its inception in late 1991 and, from May 1992 to February 1993, chaired the Group of Experts that developed it.

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FORUM ON CENTRAL AFRICA

Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart announced today, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, that Major-General Roméo Dallaire, the former Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR), Ambassador Bernard Dussault, Canada's special emissary, and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in central Africa will attend a forum on Central Africa on September 22.

Mrs. Stewart will discuss the Canadian strategy for Rwanda and Central Africa and report on Canadian activities in that part of the world.

Canada's involvement in UNAMIR has been a very important factor since the outbreak of problems in Rwanda. Canada played a key role in improving the situation and it plans to continue to do so.

The contribution of the Canadian NGOs, with the financial support of the Canadian International Development Agency, has been vital in easing the misery in Rwanda and in the camps in Zaire and Tanzania, and it is very important that they provide their point of view on Canadian and international activities for remedying this terrible tragedy.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$10-million humanitarian assistance package for the victims of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. The package will support the ongoing relief efforts of the United Nations (UN) agencies, the International Red Cross and two Canadian organizations working in the former Yugoslavia.

"I believe we have a moral obligation to continue to help. This aid package will assist the groups most affected by this tragedy and help them to get through a winter that will exacerbate the already difficult conditions in the former Yugoslavia," Mr. Ouellet said.

The Canadian contribution will be allocated to a series of bilateral and multilateral programs:

- \$3.5 million in Canadian food aid delivered by the World Food Program;
- \$2 million to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to support refugee camps and the logistics of ongoing relief efforts;
- \$1 million to the UN Children's Fund for mother and child health care programs and children's education;
- \$500 000 to the World Health Organization to help improve medical facilities, to support local health personnel and to provide medicine and medical supplies;
- \$1 million to the International Red Cross for the protection of ethnic minorities and the provision of emergency supplies to vulnerable groups;
- \$1.5 million to two Canadian agencies active in Sarajevo: CARE Canada for the ongoing installation of water purification systems in and around Sarajevo, and Queen's University to strengthen rehabilitation services for the



wounded and handicapped in Sarajevo and other centres in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and

- \$500 000 to the Special United Nations Fund for the restoration of essential services in Sarajevo.

The Minister also noted that Canada is among the four main participants in the ongoing humanitarian airlift into Sarajevo in co-operation with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Canadian aircraft have conducted nearly 1500 flights, transporting more than 10 000 passengers and 20 000 metric tonnes of food and relief supplies.

Mr. Ouellet made the announcement today in a statement to the House of Commons.

This contribution brings Canada's total humanitarian assistance to the former Yugoslavia, since fall 1991, to approximately \$60 million. Funding for this contribution was provided in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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EDC WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AWARD

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, congratulates EDC (Export Development Corporation) for winning a silver Canadian Productivity Award.

The award was presented last night to EDC for developing and implementing an innovative system used by the Short-Term Insurance division to analyze and approve customer credit requests. The entire process was redesigned, converting nearly all paper files to electronic format. The system can now process more credit approvals in much less time, which has led to greater efficiency and customer satisfaction.

"It is particularly gratifying to see a federal agency recognized for excellence in productivity and efficiency," said Mr. MacLaren. "The EDC team should be proud — as should all the winners of this prestigious award — to be a leader in productivity. I encourage Canadian companies to strive toward maximizing their use of information technology to become even more competitive in the global marketplace."

The annual Canadian Productivity Awards, sponsored by Maclean Hunter, Ernst and Young and the Information Technology Association of Canada, celebrate excellence in the use of information technology. Two awards, gold and silver, are given to finalists in four categories: Entrepreneurial, Corporate, Departmental and Institutional. This year, bronze was also awarded in two categories.

The EDC team received the silver award in the Departmental category. Other 1994 award winners include Ajax Transit, Avcorp Industries Inc., the City of Mississauga, the Commission on Resources and Environment, Eaton Credit Corporation, McMaster University, Mount Sinai Hospital, North Douglas Distributors Ltd., and Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.



EDC is a customer-driven financial services corporation dedicated to helping Canadian businesses succeed in the global marketplace. EDC facilitates export trade and foreign investment by providing risk management services, including insurance, financing and guarantees, to Canadian companies and their global customers. EDC reports to Parliament through the Minister for International Trade.

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"The Information Technology Solution" backgrounder is available.

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QUELLET TO ATTEND UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced he will deliver Canada's speech to the 49th United Nations General Assembly on September 29.

"The UN is getting ready to celebrate its 50th anniversary and this is the time to revitalize the organization. This session of the General Assembly is an opportunity for Canada to show our commitment to the UN, but also to make some concrete suggestions for reform," said Mr. Ouellet.

While at the United Nations, Mr. Ouellet will hold meetings with a number of his counterparts from all regions of the world.

Mr. Ouellet will meet United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, as well as the Foreign Ministers of la Francophonie, the Commonwealth, and the Rio Group. He will also attend a dinner meeting of G-7 Foreign Ministers, at which Russia will be represented.

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CANADA TO MAINTAIN PEACEKEEPERS IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and National Defence Minister David Collenette today announced that Canada will renew for another six months its present contribution to the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the former Yugoslavia.

"Canada continues to play a meaningful role in the Balkans. Our contribution to the UN peacekeeping effort has indeed been significant — some would even say disproportionately large given the size of our armed forces. Our decision to maintain our current contribution underlines our commitment to peace in the region, to the United Nations and to our UNPROFOR allies," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Our role in UNPROFOR is a source of pride for Canadians. Since March 1992, we helped re-open the Sarajevo airport, established the first safe area in Srebrenica and were the first to be deployed in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Canadian aircraft have conducted nearly 1500 flights, transporting more than 10 000 passengers and 20 000 metric tonnes of food and relief supplies," added Mr. Collenette.

There are currently some 2000 Canadian troops in the former Yugoslavia. Most of them make up two battle groups — one in Croatia and one in Bosnia-Herzegovina — of approximately 750 personnel each with another 450 support personnel.

An all-party debate on peacekeeping took place in the House of Commons on Wednesday. The Government took careful note of the concern that more and more calls were being placed on Canada to provide peacekeepers around the world and that Canada's forces could not remain indefinitely in any one place.



This decision is subject to review if the situation on the ground changes, or if political or military conditions call into question the safety of Canadian peacekeepers or the usefulness of UNPROFOR.

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QUELLET ANNOUNCES VISIT OF DOUGLAS HURD

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs for the United Kingdom, will visit Ottawa on September 29-30.

"Canada and the United Kingdom have long been committed to a strong and dynamic relationship. Our unique bilateral links have served to enhance transatlantic ties during the rapid changes of recent years, and I look forward to Mr. Hurd's visit," said Mr. Ouellet.

During his stay, Mr. Hurd will address participants at the closing session of the Canada-United Kingdom Colloquium, held in Ottawa from September 27-30. The Colloquium is an annual event which has taken place alternately in Canada and the U.K. for the last 10 years. This year's meeting will have as its focus Prosperity and Stability in the International System: Canada-U.K. Co-operation in the Post-Cold War World. Mr. Ouellet and Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren will also give speeches at the Colloquium.

Secretary of State Hurd will hold talks with Ministers Ouellet and MacLaren and will meet Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

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OUELLET OUTLINES CANADIAN PRIORITIES FOR UN REFORM



In Canada's address to the 49th annual session of the United Nations General Assembly, Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called on the world community to give the UN the tools and powers necessary to carry out its global mandate.

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UN, we must ensure it has modern and flexible methods of management which will permit the organization to respond more efficiently to the demands of our time," said Mr. Ouellet.

In his speech, Mr. Ouellet outlined five main priorities for UN reform that the Government of Canada will actively pursue:

Strengthening the UN system's capacity for preventive action:

Mr. Ouellet called for regular Summit meetings of the UN Security Council to consider evolving threats to peace and security. In addition, he said that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) should conduct periodic public hearings, so it can identify and deal with the root economic and social causes of many conflicts. Mr. Ouellet added that any strategy to prevent armed conflict must include concrete disarmament measures.

Reviewing the UN's economic and social activities: Mr. Ouellet called for a rethinking and reform of the role and mandate of all Bretton Woods institutions, with close attention to the need to reduce duplication.

Strengthening the UN's rapid intervention capability:

Mr. Ouellet announced that Canada will conduct a thorough study of the proposal for a standing UN force, drawing on the advice of international experts from around the world. He also announced that the former military base at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, will soon open as a centre devoted to research and training in peacekeeping. The centre will be named after former Canadian Prime Minister and Nobel Prize Laureate Lester B. Pearson.

Improving the function of UN decision-making bodies: Mr. Ouellet said that Canada will work actively on negotiations to enlarge the Security Council to reflect current international realities. The Security Council must modify its methods, increase transparency and be more open to the viewpoints of non-members, especially countries which contribute peacekeeping troops.

Putting the UN on a sound financial footing: Canada has called for a review of UN budgetary procedures to make them more transparent and simple.

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CANADA-KOREA SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP REPORT



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, Han Sung-Joo, met in New York today to receive the Report of the Canada-Korea Special Partnership Working Group.

The Working Group was established during the visit to Seoul of Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren on April 1, 1994; it was a follow-up to a commitment made by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and President Kim Young Sam at the November 1993 summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum to give priority to developing a special partnership between the two countries. The leaders of both governments shared the view that the two countries, as middle powers in the Asia-Pacific region, should co-operate closely with each other, both bilaterally and multilaterally, to cope more effectively with a new international economic environment.

Consistent with the original mandate of the Working Group, the Report recommends various action plans in the area of market access, technology development, official development assistance, investment promotion and joint ventures, as well as joint collaboration in various international fora, such as the World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and APEC.

Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Han expect that the implementation of the proposed action plans contained in the Report will lead to a stronger economic, trade and investment partnership between Canada and Korea.

The two ministers concurred that a fullfledged special partnership between the two countries should include co-operation in non-economic areas as well. In this regard, they approved the Report's recommendation that the duration of Working Group's activities be extended and its mandate be expanded to explore options for joint collaboration in non-economic areas in both bilateral and multilateral contexts.

Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Han agreed to meet again as early as possible in 1995 to discuss overall bilateral relations under the theme of the special partnership.

Mr. MacLaren and his Korean counterpart, Mr. Chulsu Kim, will review in detail the trade implications of the recommendations of the Report when they meet at the APEC Trade Minister's meeting in Jakarta on October 6, 1994.

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CANADA LIFTS SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the adoption of Security Council Resolution 944, co-sponsored by Canada, which paves the way for the lifting of all United Nations sanctions against Haiti once President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has returned.

"Canada is pleased to be associated with this resolution, which sets the stage for the return of President Aristide and the resumption of normal international relations. With the return of President Aristide, the task of building a democratic Haiti will begin," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Security Council resolution calls for the lifting of UN sanctions at 00:01 a.m. EST on the day after President Aristide returns to Haiti. Sanctions to be lifted include those on exports and imports, including the sale of petroleum to Haiti. The resolution also lifts the ban on all international development assistance. Furthermore, it calls for the immediate deployment of the advance team for the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) and urges countries to contribute to the peacekeeping mission. Canadian military and police officers are senior members of the advance team. Canada has already indicated that it will provide 600 soldiers and 100 police officers to UNMIH when it is deployed.

Mr. Ouellet added that at the request of President Aristide, Canada has effectively lifted its ban on commercial air service and on international financial transactions. Assets of members of the de facto regime will remain frozen. These sanctions were imposed at the recommendation of the Organization of American States (OAS) at its ad hoc foreign ministers meeting in June. Canada is now working with the OAS to adopt a resolution formally lifting its sanctions.

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MACLAREN WELCOMES PRIVATE SECTOR REVIEW OF TRADE PROGRAMS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today welcomed the final report of the International Business Development Review (IBDR), prepared by a private-sector steering committee chaired by L.R. "Red" Wilson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Canada Enterprises Inc. of Montreal.

In July 1994, Mr. MacLaren asked the committee to examine whether the Government's existing international business development programs and services should be changed to reflect current world conditions, taking into account the current fiscal restraints faced by the Government.

"Overall, the committee's message is clear: sharpen the focus of programs, streamline operations, and better co-ordinate activities among federal departments and between the federal and provincial governments. These are goals I can readily accept," Mr. MacLaren said.

"The recommendations will also be useful in helping the Government respond to our Red Book promise to review and revitalize the Trade Commissioner Service, in this, its centenary year."

The Minister pointed out that the consultative process which produced the IBDR reflects the Government's ongoing commitment to client-driven service. He thanked the committee members for their time and effort in preparing "a timely and challenging" report.

The committee's recommendations will be considered together with recommendations of the current Foreign Policy Review.

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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES OPENING OF CANADA'S BUSINESS CENTRE IN MEXICO CITY

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced the opening of the first Canadian Business Centre abroad, to assist Canadian exporters doing business in Mexico. The Minister made the announcement during a speech to Canadian business representatives attending a day-long conference in Toronto celebrating the centenary of Canada's Trade Commissioner Service.

"The Canadian Business Centre in Mexico City will provide Canadian exporters with the business support and facilities they need to successfully develop trade opportunities in this key growth region," Mr. MacLaren said. "We see this first Canadian Business Centre as a pilot project that could be replicated in other emerging world markets."

The Business Centre is a user-pay, multipurpose trade centre designed to provide Canadian firms, particularly small- and medium-sized enterprises, with exhibition space, temporary executive offices and telecommunications services, as well as fully equipped seminar and conference rooms.

The Centre was developed to address the growing demand for trade development support by Canadian businesses interested in the Mexican marketplace. With over 7000 Canadian commercial inquiries registered so far in 1994, the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City is now one of Canada's busiest.



"I invite Canadian business people to visit the Centre and see for themselves how this trade centre can make a difference to their business success in Mexico," Mr. MacLaren said.

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CANADIAN BUSINESS CENTRE IN MEXICO CITY

The Canadian Business Centre in Mexico City is designed to be a "home away from home" for the growing number of Canadian exporters doing business in Mexico. The Centre is a user-pay, multipurpose facility that provides the support that Canadian companies, especially small- and medium-sized enterprises, need to be successful in the emerging Mexican marketplace. As a pilot project, the Centre could serve as a model for future business centres abroad.

As one of the world's fastest growing economies, the Mexican market has attracted a record number of Canadian exporters; visits to the Embassy have tripled since 1992, and exports to Mexico have increased over 36 per cent in the first seven months of 1994. With over 7000 Canadian commercial inquiries registered so far in 1994, the Embassy in Mexico City has become one of the busiest in the world.

Through the Business Centre, Canadians now have access to a wide range of facilities and services that include:

- 600m² of exhibition space for special events and trade shows;
- ready-to-use temporary executive offices and telecommunications services;
- fully equipped seminar and conference rooms for large meetings;
- a permanent business information centre;
- administrative, secretarial and clerical support;
- translation and interpretation services; and
- a direct link to the resources of the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City and the Canadian Trade Commissioner network.

In addition to private-sector shows, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade plans to host 10 industry-specific shows a year at the Centre, each displaying the products of many Canadian companies, as well as other trade promotion seminars and conferences.

The Centre is located in downtown Mexico City. Business people can get further information from the Centre's director, Roger Chan - telephone (011-525) 580-1176 or fax (011-525) 580-4494.



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VISIT OF THE LAOTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, His Excellency Somsavath Lengsavad, will pay an official visit to Canada from October 5 to 7, 1994. This will be the first time a Laotian foreign minister has visited Canada.

Laos is in the midst of changing from a socialist-style economy to a market economy. This visit is part of the opening of Laos to the outside world.

During his stay in Canada, the Laotian minister will meet with Mr. Ouellet to discuss regional security and the possibility of establishing development assistance programs in his country. He will also meet with representatives of the Canadian International Development Agency and the International Development Research Centre, which currently administer an assistance program in Laos.

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FAROUK KADDOUMI TO VISIT OTTAWA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Farouk Kaddoumi, Director of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), will make a working visit to Ottawa, October 5-8, 1994.

Mr. Kaddoumi, who is responsible for the PLO's relations with foreign governments, will visit Ottawa in the context of our ongoing consultations on the Middle East Peace Process and to further Canada's relations with peoples of the region.

Mr. Kaddoumi will have meetings with Mr. Ouellet, with officials from the Canadian International Development Agency, and with representatives of the private sector interested in opportunities for co-operation in Palestinian-administered territories.

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MACLAREN CONGRATULATES CANADA EXPORT AWARD WINNERS

Ten of Canada's leading exporters are being presented with 1994 Canada Export Awards at a special ceremony at the University of Toronto's MacMillan Theatre on October 4, 1994.

This year's recipients were chosen from 252 candidates by a panel of Canadian business executives. Winning companies from coast to coast export a wide range of products and services, from sophisticated information technology systems and environmentally friendly packaging to unique home furnishings and agricultural and transportation equipment. In the program's 12-year history, 158 Canada Export Award winners have been selected from over 2500 applications.

"The Canada Export Award Program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize publicly the dedication, perseverance, professionalism and excellence of some of Canada's leading exporters," said the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade. "Winners of the Award are a source of inspiration for all those companies striving to achieve international success and I am confident that, by celebrating their success, others will be encouraged to follow their example."

With the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the coming into force of the new World Trade Organization, Canadian exporters will have better access for their products and services. "Canadian firms must now take advantage of the results of these trade policy initiatives and pursue aggressively new opportunities, not only in our traditional American and European markets, but also in the fast-growing markets of Asia and Latin America," the Minister said.

Mr. MacLaren noted that: "The intensely competitive nature of today's global economy has forced Canadian firms to increase their productivity and the quality of their operations and products. The employees who have devoted their talents and skills to the success of these companies deserve the recognition of their fellow Canadians. It is through their efforts that

Canada will maintain its stature as one of the world's leading exporting nations."

The presentation of the 1994 Canada Export Awards in Toronto is being held in association with a reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Export Development Corporation and the 51st annual convention of the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Mr. MacLaren noted that the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, through its Trade Commissioner Service, a network of domestic and international trade offices, will continue to offer assistance to Canadian firms seeking to export their products and services.

"Exports, in general, and high value-added exports in particular, mean thousands of new jobs and the prospect of sustained economic growth and productivity. With Government and the business community working together and using their capabilities to the fullest, we can seize opportunities as they arise and contribute to a brighter future for Canadians."

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food, is presenting the awards on behalf of Mr. MacLaren who is attending a Ministerial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum in Indonesia.

A list of the recipients of the 1994 Canada Export Awards is attached.

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Champion Feed Services Ltd.
Barrhead, Alberta

Emery International Developments Ltd.
Markham, Ontario

Kvaerner Hymac Inc.
Laval, Quebec

Mitel Corporation
Semiconductor Division
Kanata, Ontario

Nadeau
Division of Shermag Inc.
St-François-de-Madawaska, New Brunswick

Ultimate Technographics Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Versatile Farm Equipment Operations
Ford New Holland Canada Ltd.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

WaterSpring Bed Company Inc.
Mississauga, Ontario

Western Star Trucks
Kelowna, British Columbia



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MACLAREN MEETS TRADE MINISTERS OF ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION FORUM

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will join trade ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum in Jakarta on October 5 and 6 to review progress on major trade initiatives affecting the region.

Mr. MacLaren will also hold bilateral talks with the Indonesian Minister of Trade, Satrio B. Joedono, and Minister of Energy, Ida Bagus Sudjana, to promote greater trade and investment between Canada and Indonesia.

The APEC ministers will review progress toward the effective and full implementation of the Uruguay Round world trade liberalization agreements signed last April in Marrakech, Morocco. "We must begin the early implementation of the Uruguay Round to ensure that the world and the APEC region are not kept waiting for the many benefits of our hard-won achievements," Mr. MacLaren said.

The APEC trade ministers will also exchange views about further trade liberalization, both within the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide, and will discuss their efforts to facilitate further trade and investment among APEC countries. The meeting will help set the agenda for the APEC leaders' meeting to be held in Jakarta in mid-November.

"Our meeting and the APEC leaders' meeting in November provide unique opportunities to push our regional trade agenda forward," Mr. MacLaren said. "Canada is prepared to proceed boldly but sensibly, building on the results of the Uruguay Round."

During his meetings with the Indonesian ministers, Mr. MacLaren will emphasize Indonesia's importance to Canada as a trade and investment partner. Indonesia is Canada's largest trading partner among the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Canada's exports to Indonesia totalled \$443 million in 1993, while imports were valued at \$440 million. Canadian direct investment in Indonesia totals about \$3.5 billion.

"We are eager to build on our already strong and dynamic economic relationship with Indonesia," Mr. MacLaren said.

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MACLAREN LEADS MAJOR TRADE MISSION TO INDIA AND VISITS BANGLADESH



The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit the Republic of India and the People's Republic of Bangladesh from October 8 to 15.

During his visit to India, Mr. MacLaren will be accompanied by a business delegation of over 40 participants. This mission will enable him to promote Canadian capabilities and to support the marketing efforts of numerous Canadian companies pursuing new opportunities in this market.

"India is one of the most promising markets in the Asia-Pacific region for Canadian business," said Mr. MacLaren. "Since 1991, the Indian economy has undergone vast economic reforms, which have substantially enhanced internal competition and foreign access to this market. As India proceeds with further reform, the opportunities for Canadian business will grow."

During his stay in New Delhi from October 8 to 11, Mr. MacLaren will meet with the Prime Minister of India, The Right Honourable Narashimha Rao, the Minister of Finance, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, and other senior ministers. He will open the Joint Business Council's (JBC) Indo-Canadian Joint Venture Conference, and will deliver a keynote address to a luncheon sponsored by the JBC and the Indo-Canadian Business Club.

Mr. MacLaren will also witness the signing of a \$6-million contract between Met-Chem Canada Inc. and the Uttar Pradesh State Mineral Development Corporation, and will visit the site of the Bank of Nova Scotia's new branch in New Delhi.

While in Bombay on October 12, Mr. MacLaren will meet the Chief Minister of Maharashtra State, deliver a speech to local business people and attend the dedication of the new Bell Northern Research facility in Borivili, a suburb of Bombay.

Mr. MacLaren will conclude his South Asian visit in Bangladesh on October 15, where he will meet with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Right Honourable Khaleda Zia, and other members of the Cabinet. The visit to Dhaka is in support of Canadian companies pursuing business opportunities there.

A list of Canadian companies and associations participating in the Minister's program is attached.

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Agri Tec Canada Inc.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Association of Canadian
Community Colleges
Ottawa, Ontario

B.C. Hydro International Ltd.
Vancouver, British Columbia

Bank of Nova Scotia
Toronto, Ontario

Beament Green Dust
Ottawa, Ontario

Bell Canada International Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Bell Northern Research
Ottawa, Ontario

Bombardier Regional Aircraft
Division
Downsview, Ontario

Canac/Microtel
Coquitlam, British Columbia

Canada Steamship Lines Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Canada-India Business Council
Ottawa, Ontario

Canadian Commercial
Corporation
Ottawa, Ontario

CanAm Industries
Vancouver, British Columbia

Cancoil Thermal Corporation
Kingston, Ontario

DNV Trade & Tech. Corp.
Don Mills, Ontario

Export Development Corporation
Ottawa, Ontario

Foundation Company of
Canada Ltd.
Scarborough, Ontario

GEC Alsthom Electro-
Mechanique Inc.
Tracy, Quebec

HIR International Ltd.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Info-Electronics Systems Inc.
Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec

Met-Chem Canada Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Mitel Corporation
Kanata, Ontario

N.D. Lea International Ltd.
North York, Ontario

Niko Resources Ltd.
Calgary, Alberta

NovAtel Communications Ltd.
Calgary, Alberta

Paul L. Wilkinson & Associates
Montreal, Quebec

Plitron Manufacturing Inc.
Downsview, Ontario

Quester Tangent Corp.
Sidney, British Columbia

Ram-Par Industries Ltd.
North Vancouver, British
Columbia

Rousseau Sauvé Warren Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

S.R. Roessler Associates Ltd.
Ottawa, Ontario

Security Information Systems
Brampton, Ontario

Sinclair Radio
Laboratories Ltd.
Aurora, Ontario

SNC-Lavalin International Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Spar Aerospace Ltd.
Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec

Statpower Technologies
Corporation
Burnaby, British Columbia

Tele-Direct
(Publications) Inc.
Montreal, Quebec

Teleglobe Cable Systems
Montreal, Quebec

The Delphi Group
Ottawa, Ontario

The Electrolyser
Corporation Ltd.
Etobicoke, Ontario

TransAlta Utilities Corp.
Calgary, Alberta

Universal Paper
Export Co. Ltd.
Montreal, Quebec

Wardrop Engineering Inc.
Winnipeg, Manitoba



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OUELLET DEPLORES CHINESE NUCLEAR TEST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today deplored the latest in a series of Chinese nuclear tests, conducted at the Lop Nor facility in Sinkiang Province. Mr. Ouellet appealed once again to the Chinese government to refrain from testing, particularly as negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty are underway at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

"Of the five nuclear weapons states, China is the only one that is not participating in the moratorium on nuclear testing. The Chinese Government must recognize that its standing among nations is judged according to the way it carries out its responsibilities. I believe that on this issue, the Chinese Government is out of step with the mood of the world community, which is striving toward a comprehensive test ban," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet added that the Chinese Ambassador has been called in to discuss Canadian concerns over continued Chinese nuclear testing.

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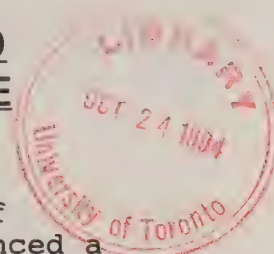


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CANADA ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIAN FEDERAL MIGRATION SERVICE



Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi today announced a \$1.3 million contribution for a technical assistance project to help the Russian Federal Migration Service (FMS). The project, to be administered by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, will help the Russian FMS develop and implement immigration and refugee policies and practices that conform to international standards.

"The strengthening of the Russian Federal Migration Service, to make it an effective organization for monitoring and determining immigrants and refugees, will be an important step in the overall objective of supporting human rights and democratic reform in Russia," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada is happy to be one of the countries in the forefront of institutional building in the immigration and refugee field. We know the demands are significant, and we hope that other countries and organizations will respond to the challenge," Mr. Marchi added.

The project will provide the recently established Russian FMS with: legal advice in the drafting of legislation and regulations; assistance in establishing a data management system and documentation centre; and support for a number of activities designed to help train Russian FMS personnel. The assistance package will provide funding for project management, training, technical and advisory assistance, equipment, and translation and interpretation services.

The contribution was announced today in Moscow following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by Minister Marchi, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai and Russian Minister of Federal Migration Service Tatyana Reguent.

Funding for this project was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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VISIT OF BURKINA FASO EXTERNAL RELATIONS MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that His Excellency Ablassé Ouedraogo, the External Relations Minister of Burkina Faso, will pay an official visit to Canada from October 10 to 13, 1994.

During his visit, Mr. Ouedraogo will meet with Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart to discuss the development of relations between Canada and Burkina Faso. He will take part in a round table with government officials and business people on the economic and political situation in Burkina Faso.

Mr. Ouedraogo will also meet with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Huguette Labelle, to review Canada's development aid program in Burkina Faso.

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CANADA TO HOST G-7 CONFERENCE ON PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Human Resources Development and Western Economic Diversification Minister Lloyd Axworthy today announced that Canada will host a one-day Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine. The meeting, which will be attended by G-7 and Ukrainian officials and representatives of the international financial institutions, will take place October 27, 1994, in Winnipeg. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Ukraine's plans for economic reform and international support for Ukraine's economic transformation.

"Ukraine is a key player in Europe. It is important that we and the other G-7 countries encourage Ukraine to implement an economic reform program in co-operation with the international financial institutions. Creating a market economy in Ukraine will speed up Ukraine's integration into the world economy," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada, and Winnipeg in particular, are pleased to host the Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine. With its large Ukrainian community, Canada is well placed to contribute to the transformation of Ukraine. We intend to develop further the special relationship our two countries enjoy in the social, cultural, political and economic development fields," said Mr. Axworthy, MP for Winnipeg South Centre.

The Conference will be officially opened by Ministers Ouellet and Axworthy, President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine, David Walker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, and by the International Monetary Fund Managing Director, Michel Camdessus.

Working sessions at the Conference will be chaired by Scott Clark, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister at Canada's Department of Finance.

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CANADA CALLS ON IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH UN RESOLUTIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called on Iraqi authorities to respect United Nations resolutions and to comply fully with the Security Council requirement for Iraq to recognize Kuwait and its United Nations-demarcated border.

"The massing of Iraqi troops on the Kuwaiti border is in gross defiance of the spirit of UN resolutions and of the Security Council requirement concerning Iraq's recognition of Kuwait. Canada joins its voice to those who have expressed their concern with regard to these latest developments, and supports U.S.-led actions to ensure that the will of the international community is respected," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister indicated that the message has been forwarded to the Iraqi authorities through the Chargé d'affaires of the Iraqi embassy in Ottawa. He added that the Canadian government has repeated its insistence on full compliance by the Iraqi government with all relevant UN Security Council resolutions concerning the recognition of Kuwait and its borders. In this regard, we have noted Iraq's stated intention to withdraw its troops and we look forward to concrete evidence to that effect.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ouellet indicated that our embassy in Kuwait has been in touch with all Canadians presently residing in Kuwait and that their security is not at risk for the moment.

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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES STRONG CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT SIAL



The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that more than 100 Canadian agri-food companies will be represented at the Salon international de l'alimentation (SIAL) in Paris, October 23-27, 1994. The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, will lead the official Canadian delegation to SIAL.

Canadian participation at SIAL, the world's largest professional food products show, is co-ordinated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. SIAL features 4700 exhibitors from 73 countries. An expected 100 000 visitors and buyers from 140 countries will gain first-hand exposure to the products of the participating Canadian companies, 30 of which will exhibit in the Canada pavilion.

"Government is working closely with industry to increase Canada's value-added food exports to world markets," said Mr. MacLaren. "There is also an excellent 'Team Canada' effort at SIAL, with active participation by industry, the federal government, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of Ontario, and the Club Export Agro-Alimentaire du Québec."

"Canadian agri-food products can compete with the best in the world, as evidenced by the four Canadian companies that won a SIAL d'or this year. In fact these awards make Canada the top winner at SIAL '94," Mr. Goodale added.

Canadian winners of the SIAL d'or are Supreme Produce Inc. of Calgary, Yves Veggie Cuisine of Vancouver, Loblaw International Brands of Toronto, and Culinar Foods Inc. of Montréal. A fifth SIAL d'or went to General Mills Canada of Toronto, for a U.S.-made snack popular with young Canadians.

Through visits to the Canadian pavilion and to exhibits of other Canadian companies elsewhere at the show, buyers from around the

world will also see that Canada presents excellent trade, investment and tourism opportunities.

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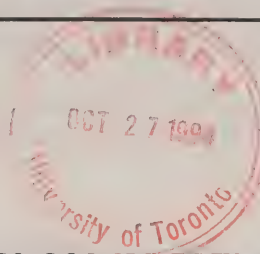


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CANADIAN CULTURE ON DISPLAY IN MEXICO FESTIVAL

A major Canadian cultural festival marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Mexico, and featuring some of Canada's top film-makers and performing artists, opens October 17 in Mexico City. The Montreal Symphony Orchestra will inaugurate the event with a performance at Mexico City's Palacio de Bellas Artes.

Festival Canada is organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in collaboration with other Canadian and Mexican organizations. It runs until November 13.

"This is an ideal way to celebrate our 50 years of diplomatic relations," said Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet. "The trade and political links between our two countries have been growing enormously in recent years and appreciation of each other's culture is an important part of this deepening relationship."

Mr. Ouellet expressed his gratitude to the Canadian participants in the festival and to the Mexican partners, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, the Festival Internacional Cervantino, and the Cinemateca Nacional.

One of the centrepieces of Festival Canada is a special film showcase, Los Cines del Canada, featuring more than 40 Canadian films and a number of the country's leading directors. It is being organized in partnership with Telefilm Canada, and in collaboration with the Cinémathèque québécoise and the National Film Board.

"I am extremely proud of what we are putting on display at Festival Canada and hope that our Mexican friends will take full advantage of the opportunity to get better acquainted with our accomplishments in areas such as film, music, theatre and visual arts," Mr. Ouellet added.

Also featured at the festival are Tafelmusik, Carbone 14, la Nef and singer Holly Cole. During their visit to Mexico, these groups, along with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, will also perform at the Festival Internacional Cervantino in Guanajuato.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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CANADA CONGRATULATES ISRAEL AND JORDAN ON DRAFT PEACE TREATY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet congratulated the governments and people of Israel and Jordan on the draft peace treaty initialed today by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali in the presence of King Hussein, at the Al-Hachemiyet Royal Palace near Amman.

"This is the first treaty negotiated under the Middle East Peace Process that began in Madrid in 1991. It proves once and for all that the process is irreversible. Canadians greatly admire Jordan's King Hussein and Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose leadership and vision have made this breakthrough possible," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister stated that Canadians look forward to the imminent signing of the peace treaty, which is expected in the coming weeks. He added that the eyes of the world are on Jordan and Israel today, and that they have given us all hope that with courage and conviction, peace and justice will prevail.

He concluded, "This is a great day for Canada: we have long had a special friendship with both Israel and Jordan, and it is good to see our friends reconciled and building for a new future."

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CANADA WELCOMES NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomed the announcement made in Geneva on October 17 of an agreement between the United States and North Korea on the nuclear question.

"The Canadian government is very pleased with this agreement. It holds out hope for a positive security climate in the North Pacific region. We would like to see this agreement followed by an early resumption of the dialogue between South and North Korea, which is a prerequisite for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada has been invited to participate in an international consortium that would be established to replace North Korea's nuclear facilities. "The consortium proposal interests us and we look forward to receiving more details soon. It is in our interest to help find a lasting solution to the North Korean nuclear problem," added Mr. Ouellet.

Canada plans to continue its consultations with South Korea regarding co-operation possibilities in relation to North Korea. Mr. Ouellet raised this matter in July with his counterpart, the Korean Foreign Affairs Minister, Han Sung-Joo. Canada has an excellent relationship with South Korea: at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Summit in Seattle in November 1993, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and President Kim Young-sam launched a special partnership uniting the two countries. Canada and South Korea consult each other regularly on the subject of North Korea.

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OUELLET DENOUNCES THIS MORNING'S TERRORIST ATTACK IN TEL AVIV

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet expressed his indignation over the savage attack this morning against the passengers on a bus in Tel Aviv, and his sympathy for the victims' families.

"Canadians are mourning these innocent victims who were attacked in a cowardly manner by the enemies of peace. With peace having just been concluded between Israel and Jordan, and with the announcement of the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks, this attack bears witness to the fury of those who continue to traffic in hatred. The contempt provoked by their disgusting cowardice should rally people of good will everywhere. When violence breaks out we are all victims, and we must respond together against its perpetrators," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister expressed his solidarity with the political officials who are steering the peace negotiations through enormous obstacles. "Their dedication to peace honours the memory of the victims, and it alone can lead to a new Middle East where such tragedies no longer occur," he said.

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CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VENICE BIENNIAL OF VISUAL ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE, 1995

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet is pleased to announce that Canada will participate in the Venice Biennial of Visual Arts and Architecture, from June 11 to October 15, 1995. Canada will be represented at the Visual Arts Biennial by Edward Poitras, an Aboriginal artist from Regina, Saskatchewan. At the Architectural Biennial, Canadian exhibitions will be staged by John and Patricia Patkau of Vancouver, along with some promising new architects who will be selected by competition.

The Edward Poitras exhibition project, proposed by Gerald McMaster, Curator of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, was chosen on the basis of a competition organized by the Canada Council.

The two exhibition projects by the Patkaus and the new architects were proposed by the ad hoc Consultative Committee on the Architectural Biennial, chaired by Mrs. Phyllis Lambert, Founder and Director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montréal. Also on the ad hoc Committee are Mrs. Kim Storey, Regional Representative of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, and Mr. Sandy Hirshen, Director of the University of British Columbia School of Architecture. Information concerning the competition will be passed on by the Royal Architectural Institute.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will provide a grant of \$57 500 to the Canadian Museum of Civilization for participation in the Visual Arts Biennial. The National Gallery of Canada and the Canada Council will also help finance the Visual Arts Biennial.

The Department's contribution to the Canadian Centre for Architecture for participation in the Architectural Biennial will be at least \$75 000.



In all, 31 countries will participate in the Venice Biennial, which will celebrate its centenary in 1995. Canada has been a participant since 1952 and has had its own pavilion since 1957.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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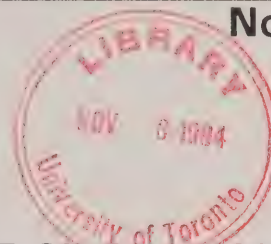
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QUELLET AND IRWIN ANNOUNCE FIRST CIRCUMPOLAR AMBASSADOR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Ron Irwin announced today the appointment of Mary May Simon as Canada's first Circumpolar Ambassador. She will be the first Inuit to hold an ambassadorial position. The appointment is effective October 31, 1994.

"All Canadians have a stake in circumpolar affairs. Having spent the last 25 years as a strong advocate of Inuit rights and circumpolar issues, Mary Simon will be an effective and knowledgeable voice for Canada in its dealings with other circumpolar nations," said Mr. Ouellet.

"In working with Mary Simon over the last year, I have been impressed with her extensive knowledge and understanding of circumpolar issues and concerns. I am certain that the unique perspective she brings to this position, gained over the past two decades as a spokesperson for Inuit people, will make her an extremely credible and effective Circumpolar Ambassador for Canada," Mr. Irwin added.

The appointment of a Circumpolar Ambassador fulfils a foreign policy platform commitment of the new government.

Reporting to both ministers, the Ambassador will:

- represent Canada at international meetings on circumpolar issues;
- consult with interested Canadians, particularly northern governments and Aboriginal groups; and



- co-ordinate federal efforts on circumpolar issues including:
 - Canada's participation in the eight-nation Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy;
 - the implementation of a Canadian proposal to create an Arctic Council, composed of Canada, the United States, Russia, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark; and
 - Canadian policy with respect to Antarctica.

Mary Simon's biography is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mary May Simon, born in Kangirsualujuak (George River), Nunavik (Northern Quebec), joined the CBC Northern Service in 1969 and worked as a producer/announcer of Inuituut radio and television programs until 1973. She has held a number of positions with the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, and since 1991 has been a Board Member. In 1978, she was elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Northern Quebec Inuit Association (which later became the Makivik Corporation). In 1979, Simon was elected First Vice-President of Makivik Corporation with responsibility for political development for the Inuit of Northern Quebec, and for the implementation of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. In 1982, Simon was elected President of Makivik Corporation. From 1980 to 1983, she was an Executive Council Member of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) and served as its President from 1986 to 1992; since then she has been Special Envoy to the ICC. In 1992, Simon was awarded an Honourary Doctorate, Doctor of Laws, from McGill University. In 1993, Simon was appointed co-Director (Policy) and Commission Secretary of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. In 1994, she was named Commissioner of the Nunavut Implementation Commission. Mary Simon has been honoured for her work through appointments to the Order of Canada, the National Order of Quebec, and the Gold Order of Greenland.

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OUELLET MEETS WITH SENIOR UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS ON SPECIAL TRAINING IN CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet met today with representatives of a group of 20 Ukrainian ministers, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers undertaking a two-week executive development program in Canada. The program includes study at the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa, a visit to an economic renewal project in Hamilton, meetings with their counterparts in various federal and Ontario government departments, and attendance at a Canada-Ukraine business conference in Toronto on October 25.

"I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with this group of talented Ukrainian officials. Their participation in this executive development program illustrates the kind of valuable contribution Canada can make to the reform process in Ukraine. It also illustrates Canada's commitment to build upon our special relationship with Ukraine," said Mr. Ouellet.

During the course of the program, the group will study budget and fiscal policies in Canada, relations between politicians and bureaucrats, employment promotion programs, and health and social services. The group will also study foreign policy development, international trade and multilateral negotiations, liaison with industries, the role of trade commissioners, and the relationship between foreign policy and international trade.

The executive development program is part of Canada's assistance program with Ukraine which consists of technical, nuclear safety and humanitarian assistance. Established in 1991, it has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy; to promote democratic development; and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. Managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian assistance program has committed \$41 million to some 70 projects



to date. Of this total, approximately \$26 million has been disbursed.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN HONDURAS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will participate in the International Conference on Peace and Development in Central America, to be held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 24 and 25.

"I am pleased that Canada is participating in this conference. We have a strong and continuing interest in Central America's growth, the peace and reconciliation process, sustainable development, the fight against poverty and participation in the global economy," said Mr. Ouellet.

While in Tegucigalpa, Mrs. Stewart will meet with Honduran President Carlos Roberto Reina and with the foreign ministers of each country attending the conference to discuss their expectations and goals for the upcoming Summit of the Americas to be held in Miami in December.

Following the Conference, Mrs. Stewart will travel to Nicaragua to continue discussions on the Summit with President Violeta Chamorro on October 26 and 27, and then to Jamaica for meetings with Prime Minister P. J. Patterson on October 28 and 29.

"In the weeks leading to the Summit, it is essential that Canada discuss with the leaders of Central America and the Caribbean what they hope to achieve at the Summit, and that they, in turn, understand Canada's goals and objectives," said Mrs. Stewart.

In all three countries, Mrs. Stewart plans also to meet with representatives of Canadian non-governmental organizations and to visit several development projects funded by the Canadian government.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a package of new Canadian technical assistance initiatives totalling \$23.8 million designed to support economic and political reform in Ukraine. The projects target the economic reform program and private sector development in Ukraine, address pressing security and nuclear safety issues, and further land reform and privatization efforts.

"These new initiatives provide practical, immediate assistance in areas of primary importance to Ukraine's reform efforts. Building upon our country's long-standing special relationship with Ukraine, they demonstrate Canada's strong commitment to support Ukraine during this period of transition," said Mr. Ouellet.

Approximately half of the package targets Canadian assistance efforts to the top priorities of economic reform and private sector development. Initiatives include a \$10-million strategy to support Ukraine's emerging private sector with an emphasis on business advisory and training services for small and medium-sized enterprises. Other contributions, totalling \$2.2 million, to two World Bank projects will support economic management training for more than 500 private and public sector officials and provide technical expertise on external debt management.

Security and nuclear safety initiatives comprise the second major element of the Canadian assistance package. Canada will contribute \$5 million to support Canadian participation in the recently established Science and Technology Centre in Kiev, which aims to re-apply the skills of weapons scientists and engineers to commercially viable civilian activities. Canada will also provide a \$3.3-million contribution for a nuclear fuel management project.

Another Canadian initiative will support the design and implementation of a land registration and management system in the Kosiv Rayon in western Ukraine.



Funding for these initiatives is provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

The attached background document provides further details on all these new Canadian initiatives.

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Backgrounder

NEW CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR UKRAINE

The projects announced today are part of Canada's ongoing program of assistance with Ukraine. Comprising technical, nuclear safety and humanitarian assistance, the program has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy; promote democratic development; and increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. With today's announcement, the Canadian assistance program has committed close to \$65 million to some 80 projects. The program is managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Canada's technical assistance program concentrates its activities in five priority sectors which match Canadian expertise with Ukrainian economic and political reform priorities. The priority sectors are democratic development and good governance, private sector development, health, agriculture and environment. In addition, a \$15-million nuclear dismantlement package supports activities related to nuclear dismantlement and enhanced civilian nuclear safety systems in Ukraine.

The new projects include:

Private Sector Development

A \$10-million strategy will provide support to Ukraine's emerging private sector with an emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises. Canadian assistance will focus on micro-loan programs and supporting business advisory services for small business, support for grassroots business advocacy organizations and economic development commissions, and practical business education programs. The package will be designed to foster enhanced trade and investment links between Canada and Ukraine.

Economic Management Training

Canada will contribute \$1.5 million to the World Bank's Economic Development Institute to support economic management training programs in Ukraine and other countries of the former Soviet Union. Over two years, some 500 enterprise and bank managers, government officials and educational trainers will receive instruction in the areas of market economics, enterprise restructuring, privatization, and financial institutions and systems. Some of the advanced training sessions will be held in Canada, utilizing Canadian experts as trainers.

Policy Advisors Fund

A two-year \$1-million Policy Advisors Fund will support the placement of senior Canadian policy advisors and technical experts in Ukraine to provide expertise on issues central to the country's economic reform program. A flexible, fast-acting mechanism, the Fund will respond to requests from the Ukrainian government as well as Canadian initiatives. Drawn from the public and private sectors, Canadian advisors will work in areas key to economic reform such as fiscal and monetary policy, privatization, and price and trade liberalization. The Fund will also support short-term training and study visits to Canada for a select number of senior Ukrainian officials. The project is managed by Veles Consulting Corporation of Toronto.

External Debt Management

Canada will contribute \$700 000 to an 18-month World Bank project providing technical expertise to Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus in the area of external debt management. Drawing upon Canadian experts, the project will assist in the development of effective policies and legal frameworks for external borrowing, establish clear debt-monitoring procedures for central banks and ministries of finance, and contribute to the creation of a cadre of highly trained specialists in debt management.

Science and Technology Centre

Canada will contribute \$5 million over two years to support Canadian participation in the recently established Science and Technology Centre in Kiev. The Centre will act as a catalyst for science and technology projects designed to provide Ukrainian weapons scientists and engineers with alternative employment by re-applying their skills to potentially commercially viable civilian activities. Canada's contribution will include scientific assessments and funding support for selected projects, Canada's share of Centre administration costs, and the provision of Canadian staff including the Centre's first Executive Director, Dr. Estop Hawaleshka, Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Canada is one of four founding members of the Centre, together with Ukraine, Sweden and the United States.

Nuclear Fuel Management

A three-year \$3.3-million project managed by Ontario Hydro International Inc. of Toronto will transfer Canada's unique High Density Concrete (HDC) canister technology for the interim dry storage of spent nuclear fuel to power plants at Chernobyl and Rivne in northwestern Ukraine. Safe storage of spent nuclear fuel is an urgent problem in Ukraine which lacks reprocessing

facilities or a long-term storage site. Under the project, canisters and ancillary equipment will be designed for the nuclear power plants and safe storage sites established. In co-operation with Ukraine's State Committee on Nuclear Power, domestic capabilities for the production of HDC canisters will also be developed. The initiative will provide Ukraine with an inexpensive and safe means of storing spent nuclear fuel while helping to address international regulatory concerns. The project is part of Canada's \$15-million nuclear safety assistance package announced by Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet in Kiev in April 1994.

Land Registration

A 13-month \$2.3-million project will support the design and implementation of a pilot land registration and management system in the Kosiv Rayon in western Ukraine and train Ukrainian officials in its use. The computerized system will compile an automated register of land ownership and land use rights, link the register to accurate property maps and issue land titles. It will also support effective land management in such fields as urban and environmental planning. In co-operation with the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice, supporting land-related legislation will be reviewed and developed under the project. The system is being developed with the long-term aim of country-wide application. Led by UMA Engineering Ltd. of Edmonton, a consortium of Canadian companies including DMR Group Inc. of Montréal and Intergraph Canada Inc. of Calgary, as well as the Alberta government, will manage the project. The Ukrainian project partners are the Land Resources State Committee and the Main Administration of Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre.

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October 24, 1994

No. 215

OUELLET CONDEMNS TERRORIST KILLINGS IN SRI LANKA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet expressed his shock at the horrific suicide bombing which took the life today of Sri Lankan presidential candidate and Opposition leader, Gamini Dissanayake, in Colombo. The bombing, which occurred at a large election rally of the United National Party, killed over 50 people and wounded many others.

"Canada strongly condemns this premeditated, cowardly, and brutal act. Democracy and peace cannot be held ransom by thugs and terrorists. I wish to extend Canada's deepest condolences to Mrs. Dissanayake and to the families, friends, and colleagues of the other victims," Mr. Ouellet said.

Mr. Ouellet indicated that Canada joined in the calls for calm in Sri Lanka, and reiterated Canada's support for the democratic process and efforts to end the communal conflict which has afflicted that country.

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No. 216

MACLAREN ANNOUNCES \$20-MILLION LINE OF CREDIT FOR UKRAINE



The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that Canada will make available a \$20-million non-concessional line of credit to Ukraine. The announcement was made during the five-day visit to Canada by Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma. Mr. Kuchma will also attend the G-7 Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation for Ukraine being held in Winnipeg on October 27, 1994.

"This will benefit both countries," Mr. MacLaren said. "The line of credit will encourage Ukraine to integrate its economy into the world economy and it will help Canadian business develop new opportunities in this emerging market."

Total bilateral trade between Canada and Ukraine remains modest but the level of interest within the Canadian exporting community continues to increase. Export opportunities have been identified in many sectors, the most promising being energy, mining, agriculture, telecommunications and the environment.

The line of credit, to be administered by the Export Development Corporation, will give priority to transactions which have a positive impact on Ukraine's foreign exchange position. Preference will go to contracts to be completed within a year and only capital or quasi-capital goods will be eligible. This is being done to ensure that Ukraine receives quick benefit from the credits.

"Canada has a close relationship with Ukraine and is interested in helping it make the transition to a market economy. For this reason we are delighted to host the Winnipeg meeting. It will



provide a boost to the process of economic reform," continued Mr. MacLaren.

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November 1, 1994

No. 218

MACLAREN TO DISCUSS SUMMIT AGENDAS WITH CHILEAN FINANCE MINISTER ANINAT

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that Chilean Finance Minister Eduardo Aninat will visit Canada November 2 and 3.

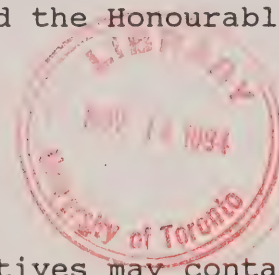
Mr. MacLaren and Mr. Aninat will discuss the growing trade and investment relationship between Canada and Chile.

They will also review the agendas for the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Summit and the Summit of the Americas.

The APEC Summit will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on November 14 and 15, and the Summit of the Americas will take place in Miami from December 9 to 11. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Chilean President Eduardo Frei will attend both.

Mr. Aninat will also meet Mr. Chrétien and the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance.

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November 1, 1994

No. 219

MACLAREN ANNOUNCES NETWORK OF CANADIAN EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRES IN ASIA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that the Government of Canada in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Foundation will establish a network of Canadian Education Information Centres in Asia over the next five years. The Centres will assist Canadian educational institutions to market their services to international students and strengthen their involvement in Asia.

"Canada has many excellent education facilities of interest to international students. In 1991, they contributed approximately \$1.5 billion and 19 000 jobs to the Canadian economy. International fee-paying students also represent an important source of funding for many Canadian educational institutions. Training and skills development are critical elements in the new global economy. Initiatives such as the Canadian Education Information Centres Network will help Canadians to develop closer ties with future leaders of the region," said Mr. MacLaren.

The Education Information Centres will work with the provinces, territories and educational institutions to provide up-to-date information and counselling on the services offered by Canadian universities, community colleges, vocational training institutions, and public and private schools. Such services include English and French language studies, business administration, information technology and long-distance education.

The new Centres will be based upon a model developed for two pilot projects, including a highly successful one in Seoul. They are to be opened in China, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. While a substantial number of students are already coming to Canada from Japan and Hong Kong, marketing studies are currently being undertaken to determine how Canada may enhance our education services in those areas.



Potential students will be matched with the Canadian educational facility that will best meet their needs. The project's main goals are to increase the pool of well-educated personnel in Asia, to train people and to give them the skills and abilities to help their nations' economies grow. It will also stimulate further co-operation in education and help in the exchange of faculty and students between the region and Canada.

The Centres will be founded on cost recoverable principles and be administered jointly by the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The Council of Provincial Ministers of Education have indicated that "...in principle, the ministries and departments responsible for education in Canada are supportive of the concept of the Canadian Education Information Centres and the approach being taken." The Association of Universities and Canadian Colleges has expressed its support for the initiative as well.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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November 2, 1994

No. 220

GOVERNMENT AND BANKS WORKING TOWARDS BETTER SUPPORT FOR SME EXPORTERS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade released today a report entitled *Servicing SME Exporters: Government and Banks Working Towards Better Support*. The report contains new measures to address the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) relating to access to export financing and information.

"This initiative is the result of an unprecedented consultation exercise with Canadian banks," Mr. MacLaren said. Banks have agreed to provide, through their extensive networks, information about help for exporters. They will also join forces with the Export Development Corporation (EDC) to provide enhanced support for SME exporters.

"This marks the beginning of a greatly expanded involvement of Canadian financial institutions in responding to the export interests of small and medium-sized enterprises," Mr. MacLaren added.

The initiative originates from a meeting called by Mr. MacLaren on May 6, 1994, involving the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industry, financial institutions, and EDC. At that meeting, all parties were challenged to set objectives to enhance access to financing and support to SME exporters.

As a result of this meeting, a joint SME Action Plan was developed focusing on three areas where support to exporters needed improvement: access to information, short-term financing and medium-term financing. The specific measures to address these SME interests are detailed in the report released today.

The measures range from the publication of a *Road Map to Exporting and Export Finance* to the development and testing by the banks of a new EDC program to increase operating lines of credit for smaller exporters against their foreign accounts receivable.



"SMEs are critical to Canada's economic growth," noted Mr. MacLaren. "I welcome this new commitment by the banks. I encourage them to pursue all efforts to meet the objectives of the SME Action Plan. The involvement of EDC and financial institutions is essential if we are to help SMEs realize their job- and wealth-creating potential through exporting."

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November 2, 1994

No. 221

MACLAREN TO ATTEND APEC MEETING AND PROMOTE TRADE WITH CHINA, INDONESIA AND VIET NAM

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will promote trade and investment ties with China, Indonesia and Viet Nam from November 4 to 18 during a visit that supports and supplements Prime Minister Chrétien's Team Canada mission.

Mr. MacLaren will accompany the Prime Minister and Canada's premiers to a variety of high-level meetings in Beijing from November 6 to 8. He will then hold separate discussions on November 9 in Beijing with Shi Dazhen, Minister of Power Industry, Wang Tao, President of the China National Petroleum Corporation, and other ministers. He will be accompanied by a delegation of Canadian business people.

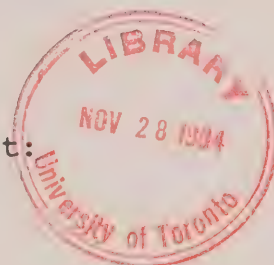
On November 10 in Jakarta, Mr. MacLaren will meet Hartarto Sastrosoenarto, Minister for Industry and Trade, to discuss the strong and growing Indonesia-Canada trade and investment relationship. Along with Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, he will then attend, on November 11 and 12, the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (APEC) which will be followed by the Summit of APEC Leaders. His visit to Indonesia will conclude November 13 following a speech to the Indonesian-Canadian business community.

Mr. MacLaren will be leading a business delegation of 35 Canadian companies to Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. He will open the Canada Trade Office in Ho Chi Minh City on November 15. This will follow his attendance at the Viet Nam Telecomp '94 Trade Show on November 14 and meetings with the foreign business community and senior officials of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Mr. MacLaren and the business delegation will travel to Hanoi on November 16 and rejoin the Prime Minister there.

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November 3, 1994

No. 222

OUELLET TO TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA TO ATTEND APEC MINISTERIAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will travel to Asia to attend meetings in Malaysia and Indonesia.

On November 8 and 9, Mr. Ouellet will be in Kuala Lumpur where he will hold talks with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi and other Malaysian ministers. Issues to be discussed include expanded general bilateral relations and economic and commercial co-operation.

From Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Ouellet flies to Jakarta for the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) ministerial meeting, on November 11 and 12. Discussions will concentrate on enhanced regional trade and investment liberalization and regional security. While in Jakarta, Mr. Ouellet will also hold bilateral talks with a number of APEC foreign ministers.

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November 9, 1994

No. 223

OUELLET WELCOMES CONTRACT SIGNING IN MALAYSIA BY BOMBARDIER AND SNC-LAVALIN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today witnessed the signing of an agreement valued at \$939 million between the Renong Group of Malaysia and a Canadian consortium comprising Bombardier and SNC-Lavalin for the construction of a rapid transit system in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"The successful negotiation of this contract demonstrates that Canadian expertise and equipment in the transportation sector are highly regarded in world markets," Mr. Ouellet said. "Canadian goods in this sector are competitive on all fronts, including cost, quality and reliability, with the world's best."

The agreement was signed by Laurent Beaudoin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bombardier, Jacques Lamarre, President of SNC-Lavalin's Transportation Group, and Dato'Wira Halim Saad, Chairman of Renong Berhad.

SNC-Lavalin and Bombardier estimate that more than 1500 person-years of work will be created by this project in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. Other Canadian firms will benefit from the many sub-contracts that this project will generate. SNC-Lavalin and Bombardier anticipate that this contract will also lead to further business in the region.

Renong is a publicly traded firm active in infrastructure, engineering, financial services, telecommunications, oil and gas and hospitality, with more than 15 000 employees.

The Canadian consortium competed against major French, German and Japanese groups to win the contract.

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November 9, 1994

No. 224

CANADA URGES ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT TO SUSPEND MILITARY OFFENSIVE

Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, today called on the Government of Angola to suspend its military offensive on the UNITA-controlled city of Huambo and urged both sides of the conflict to demonstrate the political will required to conclude a sustainable peace agreement.

"We are deeply concerned that the current intensification of military operations in the Huambo area could undermine the progress toward peace achieved during 10 months of negotiations in Lusaka," said Mrs. Stewart. "Squandering this opportunity to end the conflict could be disastrous for a country that has already suffered through two decades of war."

A peace agreement between UNITA and the Government of Angola is scheduled to be signed on November 15. However, in recent days, fighting has escalated throughout the country and government forces are advancing on the UNITA stronghold of Huambo in an operation that could jeopardize the peace process and prolong the civil war.

Canada continues to provide aid to the four million Angolans estimated by the United Nations to be in need of emergency assistance. This year, the Canadian International Development Agency is giving \$5.6 million in food aid and other emergency assistance to the victims of the conflict.

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November 10, 1994

No. 225

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AGAINST IRAQ

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canadian citizens and eligible individuals who suffered losses caused by Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91 have until December 15, 1994, to submit their claims to the Government of Canada. Eligible claims will then be forwarded to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) in Geneva, whose Governing Council has stated its intention not to accept any more claims after January 1, 1995.

The UNCC was established by UN Security Council Resolution 687 of April 3, 1991, to deal with the large number of claims resulting from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

The Government of Canada will submit claims on behalf of Canadian citizens and individuals who obtained permanent residency status in Canada on or before March 31, 1993. Iraqi nationals who became Canadian citizens on or before July 1, 1993, may also submit a claim to the Government of Canada.

The filing deadline applies to individual claims under categories "A" (departure), "B" (personal injury or death), "C" (losses under US\$100 000), and "D" (losses over US\$100 000).

Requests for information should be directed to the Claims Section, Economic Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, at (613) 995-2222.

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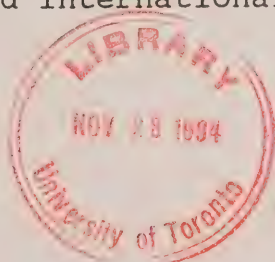
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November 14, 1994

No. 226

MACLAREN ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF NAFTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Justice, today announced the establishment by Canada, the United States and Mexico, of a joint Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes. The Committee was created under Article 2022 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The Committee is made up of individuals with experience in the resolution of private international commercial disputes. Its objective will be to examine existing commercial arbitration arrangements and other forms of alternative dispute resolution within NAFTA territory. The Committee will make recommendations on how the provisions for alternative dispute resolution could be expanded and improved.

Each of the NAFTA member countries can appoint up to two government officials to the Committee and up to eight non-government members. The two Canadian Co-Chairs are senior legal officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Justice. The Canadian non-government members were chosen to provide a broad spectrum of individuals with expertise in commercial dispute resolution.

The first meeting of the Committee will take place on November 14 in Mexico City.

A list of the Canadian Members of the Committee is attached.

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No. 227

TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS OTTAWA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Habib Ben Yahia, will pay an official visit to Canada on November 16 and 17.

Mr. Ben Yahia will head his country's delegation to the tenth session of the Canada-Tunisia Bilateral Commission, which meets to discuss means of strengthening co-operation and trade between the two countries. Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Ben Yahia will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the Canadian International Development Agency's \$60 million Private Sector Development Fund for the Maghreb, which was announced in Casablanca on October 31.

Mr. Ouellet will meet with his Tunisian counterpart to discuss bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest. Tunisia is a member of La Francophonie and is currently the chair of the Organization of African Unity. Tunisia is a member of the Middle East Refugee Working Group, which is chaired by Canada, and an active participant in the Middle East peace process.

Mr. Ben Yahia will also meet with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Huguette Labelle.

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No. 228

CANADA AND MEXICO SIGN NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet today announced that Canada and Mexico have signed an Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The Agreement was signed today in Mexico City by Emilio Lozoya Thalmann, Secretary of Energy, Mines and State-Owned Corporations (SEMIP), and by David J. S. Winfield, Canada's Ambassador to Mexico. A related administrative arrangement between the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada and SEMIP was signed at the same time.

"The Agreement will facilitate nuclear trade and co-operation with a valuable partner and is a demonstration of the strong commitment shared by Canada and Mexico to nuclear non-proliferation," said Mr. Ouellet.

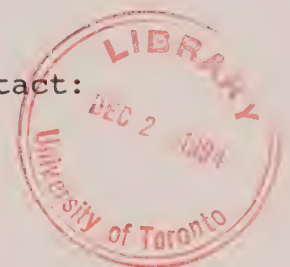
Mr. Ouellet noted that the Agreement represents the culmination of extensive discussions and is another significant advance in bilateral relations. Conclusion of the Agreement was one of the main issues pursued by Prime Minister Chrétien during his visit to Mexico in March 1994.

Canada and Mexico have active nuclear programs. The Agreement will provide the necessary framework for Canadian nuclear exports to Mexico and allow for future co-operation. It ensures that activities are carried out in a manner consistent with Canada's nuclear non-proliferation policy, which requires that activities under the Agreement be for peaceful purposes only. Canada has 18 similar agreements covering full nuclear co-operation with 29 other countries.

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No. 229

OUELLET WELCOMES UKRAINIAN DECISION TO ACCEDE TO NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

Foreign Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the decision of the Ukrainian parliament, the Supreme Rada, to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a non-nuclear weapons state.

"Non-proliferation is a major objective of Canadian foreign policy and Ukraine's accession is a significant contribution to global peace and security. I look forward to Ukraine depositing the accession documents at the earliest opportunity," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Ukrainian Rada voted November 16, by a large majority, to accede to the NPT. The accession documents are to be deposited when Ukraine, the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Russia sign documents providing security guarantees in Budapest during the CSCE (Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe) Summit December 5 and 6, 1994.

"President Kuchma has fulfilled his commitment to Prime Minister Chrétien during his State Visit to Canada that Ukraine would accede to the NPT without delay," said Mr. Ouellet. "This will open the door to further Canada-Ukraine nuclear co-operation."

Canada is already providing nuclear safety assistance to Ukraine in regulatory co-operation, spent fuel management and other areas. Accession to the NPT and conclusion of a bilateral Nuclear Co-operation Agreement will widen the scope of nuclear co-operation.

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No. 230

CANADA AND LITHUANIA SIGN NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet today announced that Canada and Lithuania have signed an Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. The Agreement is a step towards ensuring the assistance of Canadian nuclear experts in upgrading safety systems and plant operations of Lithuania's nuclear reactors.

The Agreement was signed in Vilnius by Algimantas Stasiukynas, Lithuanian Minister of Energy, and Michael Philipps, Canada's Ambassador to Lithuania.

"This agreement marks the further advancement of the growing and productive relationship between Lithuania and Canada in the area of nuclear co-operation," said Mr. Ouellet. "It balances the need for safety while helping to fulfill the energy needs of Lithuania."

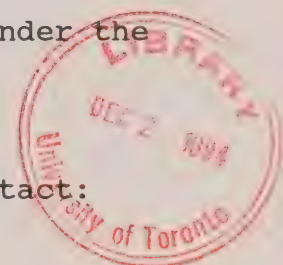
The Minister added that a number of programs, from training to safety analysis and conceptual engineering, have been undertaken in the last three years by the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada and Ontario Hydro.

The Agreement will provide the necessary framework for the export of nuclear and other materials, equipment, and technology to improve the safety of the Russian-made Ignalina RBMK-type nuclear power plant, which fulfills a large proportion of Lithuania's energy needs. It also will ensure that activities are carried out in a manner consistent with Canada's nuclear non-proliferation policy, which requires that activities under the agreement be for peaceful purposes only.

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No. 231

ONTARIO AND CANADA SIGN MOU ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION

The signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Ontario and the federal government to improve co-ordination of international business development activities was announced today by International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren, Industry Minister John Manley and Ontario Economic Development and Trade Minister Frances Lankin.

The MOU provides for co-ordinated planning and delivery of trade and investment activities and information sharing. It follows Ontario's 1993 decision to close its 17 international offices and responds to private sector demands to cut duplication and increase efficiency in trade and investment marketing.

"We want to ensure greater co-operation and collaboration between the two levels of government in the delivery of international business activity," Mr. MacLaren said. "This is a perfect example of what we can achieve when we put our minds to building a Team Canada approach to global markets. We intend to work with other provincial governments to achieve similar arrangements."

Ms. Lankin said the MOU represents progress toward the ultimate goal of eliminating duplication of effort and making better use of public resources for international business. "We see this as a significant first step," she said. "We support a team approach, and we look forward to developing more effective partnerships to promote business efforts in international markets."

"Both levels of government recognize that encouraging innovation, upgrading skills and increasing access to technology are keys to success," said Mr. Manley. "This MOU will encourage collaborative activities and an exchange of views that reinforce Canada's industrial and technological competitiveness."

The MOU seeks to broaden the access of Ontario business to international markets, improve export preparedness, strengthen



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It also marks progress on a Canada-Ontario Action Plan to improve the efficiency of the federation signed at the July 18 First Ministers' Meeting by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Premier Bob Rae.

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A copy of the MOU is attached.

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ACTIVITY

BETWEEN: **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

AND: **INDUSTRY CANADA**

AND: **ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TRADE**

The Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade ("MEDT"), the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade ("DFAIT") and Industry Canada ("IC"),

RECOGNIZING that international agreements and globalization are creating new business opportunities in existing and new markets;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that many Canadian and Ontario businesses have yet to fully capitalize on the trade, technology and investment implications of the global economy;

CONVINCED of the need to increase the number of exporters and expand and diversify Ontario's exports in existing and new markets;

ACKNOWLEDGING a need to communicate a clear message to the Canadian and Ontario business communities as to the strategies and roles which the respective governments will pursue;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

I. OBJECTIVES

1. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will seek to achieve the following objectives:
 - (a) broaden the access of Ontario businesses to international markets;
 - (b) improve the "export-preparedness" of the Ontario business community;

- (c) strengthen the international business performance of Ontario businesses;
 - (d) ensure effective promotion of Ontario for investment and business opportunities.
2. Building on existing cooperative efforts, MEDT, DFAIT and IC will work collaboratively in support of the international business activities of Ontario firms and pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to:
- (a) strengthen cooperation in the planning and delivery of international business development activities and outline the roles of MEDT, DFAIT and IC in cooperative efforts;
 - (b) reduce duplication through integration, streamlining and coordination of programs and resources;
 - (c) improve the linkages between business and government on trade, technology, and investment promotion activities;
 - (d) ensure the timely and effective dissemination of trade, investment and technology information, intelligence and opportunities to the Ontario business community; and,
 - (e) provide a mechanism to review opportunities to increase efficiency through cooperation.

II. SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL TRADE BUSINESS PLAN

3. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will use the International Trade Business Plan (ITBP) as the principal planning vehicle to coordinate international business development efforts, including determining strategies to address the international business needs of industrial sectors and setting priorities and allocating resources for their activities.
4. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will strengthen planning efforts in the following manner:

- (a) DFAIT and IC will provide for timely and full participation by MEDT in the development of the ITBP, which will reflect, as fully as possible, provincial priorities in international business development activities;
 - (b) IC, in concert with other partners including the Province, will provide sectoral frameworks and strategies and DFAIT will provide the international framework within which such needs can be assessed and addressed;
 - (c) MEDT will support, participate in and provide timely input into the ITBP development and review process, including sectoral strategies and provincial priorities in international business development activities;
 - (d) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will exchange sector strategies and initial listings of proposed activities related to the ITBP early in the planning process. Updated activity lists will be exchanged each quarter;
 - (e) copies of the ITBP will be made available to the Ontario business community early in the first quarter of the year;
 - (f) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will coordinate planning for and participation in missions and fairs involving Ontario firms, and incoming buyers and delegations into Ontario.
5. Recognizing the importance of investment and the development and acquisition of technology to international business development efforts, MEDT, DFAIT, and IC will examine ways of reflecting these activities more fully in the ITBP.

INFORMATION SHARING

- 6. IC, DFAIT and MEDT recognize greater information sharing as a priority and agree to share business and market information and intelligence on a timely basis and to collaborate in collecting such information.
- 7. IC, DFAIT and MEDT will work towards greater information sharing in the following manner:

- (a) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will exchange information such as that contained in the World Information Network (WIN), Strategic Business Information Service, and Opportunities Management System (OMS) databases, including non-confidential firm specific information, current international business capabilities and their trade, technology and investment activities and interests;
- (b) MEDT will, in concert with IC's regional office, identify the information requirements of the Ontario business community for foreign markets intelligence, assessments and studies and provide DFAIT with these requirements in a timely manner;
- (c) DFAIT will provide to IC and MEDT, on a timely and consistent basis, market intelligence, business opportunities and sourcing requests from foreign posts. Such information or requests will be forwarded directly from foreign posts to designated MEDT, IC, and other client contacts;
- (d) MEDT, IC and DFAIT will establish internal work practices to encourage increased and timely communication and exchange of information between the various parts of their organizations;
- (e) to facilitate and encourage communications between the federal foreign posts and MEDT, seamless direct telecommunications access links will be made available in 1994, subject to technical and financial feasibility. On any MEDT requests for logistical support or assistance from posts beyond the routine exchange of information, guidance will be sought from the appropriate geographic branch at DFAIT headquarters.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT

8. MEDT, DFAIT and IC agree on the need to encourage firms to expand and diversify their International business activities and on the need for governments and the private sector to develop effective business development and market penetration strategies. This will require both an export education emphasis by MEDT to help more firms reach "export ready" status and to encourage existing exporters, particularly SMEs, to pursue new market opportunities; and a strategic intelligence emphasis by DFAIT and IC to assist industry in assessing export market opportunities. MEDT, DFAIT, IC recognize that the development of export education and awareness products is a shared responsibility.

9. MEDT, DFAIT and IC recognize the benefits of a coordinated team approach essential to eliminate duplication and improve the delivery of trade development services and programs to Ontario business and therefore commit to:
 - (a) strengthen existing collaboration arrangements between their respective organizations, including collaboration between IC's Ontario Regional Office and the International Trade Centre, and the Province's International Trade Corporation and regional field offices;
 - (b) maximize the integration of federal and provincial planning, resources, and program delivery;
 - (c) delineate their respective roles and responsibilities in the design and delivery of international trade development programs and activities in support of Ontario firms.
10. MEDT, DFAIT and IC commit themselves to the establishment of an Implementation Team to carry out the resource and program collaboration and integration provided for in Paragraph 9 including, but not limited to the following:
 - (a) the roles and responsibilities for the planning, delivery, and facilitation of programs and services related to export promotion, awareness and education of Ontario firms. Such programs and services include but are not limited to Trade Shows Made Profitable, Export Essentials, ExportVision, sectoral trade events, new exporter programs, trade fairs and missions, including incoming purchaser visits and delegations;
 - (b) the development of criteria for the recruitment, qualification, and preparation of Ontario firms participating in export related events;
 - (c) the exchange of program results for PEMD and TEF;
 - (d) the implications and feasibility to license delivery of PEMD to MEDT;
 - (e) the sharing of results reporting systems and the assessment of future requirements for common results needs;

- (f) the development of better mechanisms for the handling of trade enquiries from Ontario businesses received by DFAIT, the federal Info Centre, the Canada-Ontario Business Services Centre (COBSC), the International Trade Centre, IC or MEDT;
- (g) arrangements for joint market assessment studies, as appropriate.

INVESTMENT

11. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will cooperate so as to maximize the effectiveness of international investment promotion and prospecting programs and to ensure that Ontario's investment strengths and opportunities are brought to the attention of potential investors. This will be done in the following manner:
 - (a) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will coordinate planning to address strategies for international investment development and retention programs;
 - (b) recognizing the importance of providing a coordinated, single source of customized information and services to potential and existing international investors, MEDT will in partnership with the private sector, create and manage the Ontario Investment Service Inc. to provide a world class resource as the principal focus of federal, provincial and municipal investment promotion and marketing efforts undertaken within Ontario;
 - (c) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will explore the possibility of finding shared solutions to strengthen investment promotion resources in selected foreign federal posts;
 - (d) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will develop procedures and criteria to share information related to potential foreign investments in Canada;
 - (e) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will support each other in soliciting, qualifying and responding to investment enquiries;
 - (f) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will, where appropriate, jointly develop, fund and deliver cooperative programs for investment promotion, including but not exclusive to such activities as investment prospecting kits and materials, and related studies and research;

- (g) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will coordinate domestic and international programs for calls on transnational corporations with operations in Ontario, and share information in preparation for and arising from such calls, subject to requests from clients for confidentiality;
- (h) MEDT, DFAIT and IC will exchange information on investment trends and priorities, review planned activities and identify programs where participation will be required from foreign posts.

TECHNOLOGY

- 12. MEDT, DFAIT and IC recognize that encouraging innovation, upgrading skills, increasing technological capacity, developing linkages and networks, and building international capabilities are the key elements that drive economic renewal and create jobs.
- 13. MEDT, DFAIT, and IC will share results of technology assessments and consultations, review proposed strategies and jointly plan their implementation to maximize the effective use of resources.

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

- 14. MEDT, DFAIT and IC recognize that a competitive marketplace is a precondition to strong international performance and that linkages between international and domestic policy agendas are increasing.
- 15. The Management Committee provided for in Paragraph 18 will:
 - (a) examine ways of developing collaborative activities and framework policies to strengthen industrial competitiveness;
 - (b) exchange views on and examine ways to improve investment, technology and strategic alliance opportunities;
 - (c) invite the participation of other senior officials in their respective organizations or designate the appropriate officials to carry on these discussions once agreement has been reached on a specific agenda or workplan.

REPRESENTATION ABROAD

16. DFAIT will provide support, within existing resources, at Canadian posts for Ontario companies participating in Ontario sponsored missions and fairs identified and agreed to in the ITBP and related post plans. Foreign market visits by Ontario ministers, senior government officials and special Envoys will require early planning and coordination with foreign posts and DFAIT's geographic sections at headquarters. MEDT will provide briefing and support materials.
17. DFAIT through its foreign posts will, where possible and appropriate, provide liaison services for communications, marketing and media relations activities of interest to Ontario and will display and distribute Ontario promotional materials. Posts will provide MEDT with mailing lists of relevant contacts in their respective territories or recommend mailing houses.

III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

18. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will establish a Management Committee of three Assistant Deputy Ministers to implement this MOU, to undertake private sector consultation as appropriate, to review the operation of the MOU and to assess progress made in achieving its objectives. Officials from other parts of the organizations with an interest in the implementation of the Memorandum may be invited to participate from time to time as required.
19. MEDT, DFAIT and IC will jointly develop an action plan for the delivery, coordination and communication of a cooperative federal-provincial approach to international business development. An overall progress report will be prepared by the Management Committee and submitted to Ministers no later than March 31, 1995.

IV. OTHER PROVISIONS

20. This MOU does not create any contractual or other legal obligation to perform between MEDT, DFAIT and IC; nor will MEDT, DFAIT or IC be subject to any legal liability resulting from non-performance of any provisions of this MOU.

21. Amendments to this MOU require the written consent of MEDT, DFAIT and IC.
22. This MOU may be terminated by either MEDT, DFAIT or IC upon three month advance notice in writing to one another.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE SIGNED THIS MOU.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

_____, Date _____

INDUSTRY CANADA

_____, Date _____

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

_____, Date _____

News Release

November 21, 1994

No. 232

OUELLET TO VISIT RUSSIA, ATTEND NATO MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS AND CSCE SUMMIT IN BUDAPEST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will pay a working visit to Russia from November 28 to 30, attend North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ministerial meetings in Brussels on December 1 and 2, and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) Summit in Budapest on December 5 and 6.

While in Russia, Mr. Ouellet will meet with Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Andrei Kozyrev, who extended the invitation for the visit earlier this year. Discussions are expected to focus on trade and investment, technical assistance to Russia, expansion of NATO membership, the CSCE Budapest Summit, as well as on Russia's participation at the G-7 Summit in Halifax next summer.

From Russia, Mr. Ouellet will travel to Brussels for meetings of the NATO North Atlantic Council (NAC) and North Atlantic Co-operation Council (NACC). Discussions among NAC and NACC foreign ministers are expected to focus on the situation in Bosnia, the future expansion of NATO, the Partnership for Peace program and matters of European and international security.

On December 5, Mr. Ouellet will attend the CSCE Summit in Budapest. Discussions at the Summit will focus on issues such as European security, the strengthening of the CSCE's role in preventive diplomacy, CSCE involvement in peacekeeping operations in Europe and its role in promoting human rights and democratic development.

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OUELLET CONGRATULATES MOZAMBIicans ON SUCCESSFUL ELECTION, ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION FOR REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today congratulated the people of Mozambique for having held the first multi-party elections in their history. The elections, declared free and fair by the United Nations, are the culmination of a peace process ending 16 years of civil war.

"The high voter turnout and the peaceful manner in which the elections were held show the determination of Mozambicans to end the conflict that has devastated their nation," said Mr. Ouellet. "It is now up to the country's newly elected leaders to use their mandate to work for national reconciliation and reconstruction."

Canada contributed to the electoral process by providing financial and technical assistance. Canadians also served as UN election observers and as members of a non-governmental organization observer team.

In support of Mozambique's reconciliation efforts, Mr. Ouellet announced that the Canadian International Development Agency is contributing a further \$2 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to help with the repatriation of Mozambicans from neighbouring countries. Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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November 22, 1994

No. 234

OUELLET TO ATTEND VATICAN CEREMONY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that he will be heading the Canadian delegation to the Vatican for the Consistory, where the Most Reverend Jean-Claude Turcotte, the Archbishop of Montréal, will be one of 30 new cardinals to be elevated. The event will take place on November 26.

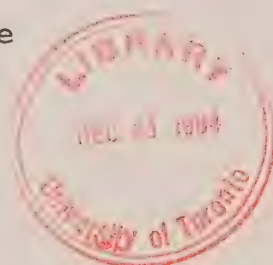
Mr. Ouellet will be accompanied by a delegation that includes Canada's Ambassador to the Vatican, Léonard Legault; Senator Pierre de Bané; Senator Marcel Prud'homme; Alfonso Gagliano, Secretary of State (Parliamentary Affairs) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons; Shirley Maheu, Member of Parliament; Ghislain Lebel, Member of Parliament; Dr. Camille Laurin, Délégué régional de Montréal, Government of Quebec; Jacques Vallée, Quebec delegate to Italy; and Dr. Luc Larivée, Président du Conseil municipal de la Ville de Montréal.

Born in 1936, Monsignor Turcotte was ordained in 1959 and has been active in Catholic social action groups working on behalf of the poor and unemployed. He was appointed Archbishop of Montréal in 1990. His elevation will bring to four the number of Canadian cardinals.

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November 24, 1994

No. 235

OUELLET ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO THE IDRC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced four new appointments to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The appointees are: José Joaquín Brunner, the Minister of the President's Office in Chile; Jon Grant, consultant and former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Quaker Oats Company; Miguel Hurtado de la Madrid, a former President of Mexico (1982-88); and Dr. Ivy F. Matsepe-Casaburri, Chairperson of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).

Mr. Ouellet also announced the reappointment of two other governors, Dr. Joan E. Foley, a professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto and Dr. Vulimiri Ramalingaswami, a medical pathologist and Professor Emeritus at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

IDRC is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries find their own solutions to development problems through research.

The Centre is directed by a 21-member Board of Governors who are appointed for four-year terms. The Board is international, consisting of 11 Canadian members and 10 non-Canadian members. Members of the Board are selected based on their experience in the field of international development and their interest in the developing regions of the world.

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Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

José Joaquin Brunner is the Minister of the President's Office in Chile. He was Director of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Chile from 1981 to 1988 and worked extensively to maintain a high level of visibility and performance for the social sciences in Latin America. He has been a visiting professor at many Latin American universities and a consultant for UNESCO and for international organizations concerned with scientific research. In 1988, he was a visiting researcher in Canada. He is the author of several books, including *Investing in Knowledge: Strengthening the Foundation for Research in Latin America*.

Dr. Joan E. Foley is currently a Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto and has held various positions there, including Vice-President and Provost (1985-93). Since 1975, she has been a Professor of Psychology and Chairperson of the Department of Psychology (1985). Her other positions include Scientific Officer at the Defence Research Medical Laboratories and Principal of Scarborough College. She was Director of the Donwood Institute from 1973-88 and served as its Chairperson from 1986-88.

Jon Grant is a consultant and former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Quaker Oats Company. He is Chairman of the Ontario Round Table on the Environment and the Economy and is regarded as being one of the most environmentally conscious of Canadian businessmen. He holds directorships with the Consumers' Gas Company Ltd., Scott Paper Ltd., the Laurentian Bank of Canada and Laurentian General Insurance. He is an Honorary Governor of Trent University and has also been honoured with the Corporate Humanist Award of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities.

Miguel Hurtado de la Madrid was the President of Mexico from 1982-88 and has been Director of the Fondo de Cultura Economica since 1990. An economist and lawyer, he was Minister of National Planning and Budget in the Government of Mexico from 1979-81 and Under-Secretary in the Ministry of the Treasury from 1975-79. Since leaving public office, he has been active in environmental issues. He is currently President of the High Level Committee for the UN's International Decade for the Reduction of Natural Disasters.

Dr. Ivy F. Matsepe-Casaburri is Chairperson of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). She was Executive Director of the Education Development Trust in Johannesburg and now serves as an Executive Trustee for Research and Fundraising. She is also President of the African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD) in Dakar, Senegal. Dr. Matsepe-Casaburri is Convener of the Research Supervisory Group of the Women's National Coalition in South Africa and she was part of the IDRC-sponsored Science and Technology Mission to South Africa. She has extensive experience in the area of gender issues regarding education, economic planning, local government policy and empowerment.

Dr. Vulimiri Ramalingaswami, Professor Emeritus at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, is an Oxford-educated medical pathologist with extensive experience as a medical researcher and educator. He is the former Director of both the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Indian Council of Medical Research and has served as Chairperson of the International Task Force on Health Research for Development in Geneva (1990-93). He was Secretary-General of the International Conference on Nutrition in Rome in 1992, which was held under the auspices of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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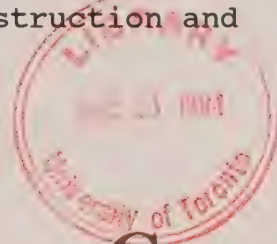
MACLAREN CONFIRMS CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENT SALINAS DE GORTARI AS HEAD OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today confirmed that Canada will support the candidacy of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the President of Mexico, as the first Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Canada's support for Mr. Salinas de Gortari's candidacy was announced on Tuesday by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien following a meeting with Mexican President-Elect Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon. When it is approved by the signatories of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the WTO will oversee world trade policy and settle disputes between nations on a multilateral basis.

"We believe that Carlos Salinas de Gortari is the ideal candidate to lead the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization at this crucial juncture in the history of the global trading system. He has demonstrated many times his outstanding ability to grapple successfully with the challenges of globalization," said Mr. MacLaren.

Before his election as President in 1988, Mr. Salinas de Gortari developed an excellent reputation as an economist and administrator. As President, he promoted market-oriented structural reform and removed trade and investment barriers from the Mexican market. Under his leadership, Mexico joined with the United States and Canada in the establishment of the North American Free Trade Agreement, became a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, joined the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum and became a founding member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



"The first Director-General of the new World Trade Organization will face major challenges in getting the organization up and running and in establishing its authority and credentials," Mr. MacLaren added.

The World Trade Organization will provide the institutional support for the management of the complex body of international trade rules encompassed in the existing GATT, as well as in the new agreements negotiated in the Uruguay Round, including such issues as trade in services, investment and intellectual property.

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No. 237

CANADA TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT TRAINING PROJECT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Ralph Goodale today announced, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, that Canada will assist, through a Regina-based firm, in the development of an environmental risk assessment program in the Czech Republic.

As part of Canada's technical assistance program for the Czech Republic, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will provide up to \$302 000 over two years to fund the creation of risk assessment guidelines and training programs for Czech regulatory agencies and for the private sector. The guidelines will help to identify and develop priorities for sites considered to be environmental hazards, and to allocate funds accordingly.

The Czech Ministry of the Environment selected AGRA Earth and Environment Ltd., of Regina, Saskatchewan, and its partner in Prague, UNIGEO a.s., to set up and manage the program. AGRA Earth and Environment Ltd. was chosen because of its previous work experience in the Republic.

Canada's technical assistance program for the former Czechoslovakia was established in 1990. With the dissolution of Czechoslovakia, a separate program for the Czech Republic was established in January 1993. Managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the program has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy; to promote democratic development; and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with the Czech Republic.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and therefore is built into the existing fiscal framework.

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No. 238

The following is a translation of a letter addressed to the Deputy Premier and Minister of International Affairs, Immigration and Cultural Communities of Quebec, Bernard Landry, from Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet. This letter, sent today to Mr. Landry, follows his public comments and letter to Mr. Ouellet concerning a speech by Grand Chief of the Quebec Cree Matthew Coon-Come to a recent conference of the American Association of Quebec Studies, in Washington.

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TRANSLATION

November 28, 1994

Mr. Bernard Landry
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Dear Mr. Landry,

Thank you for your letter of November 23 concerning the speech by Mr. Matthew Coon-Come, Grand Chief of the Quebec Cree, to a conference organized by the American Association of Quebec Studies, last week in Washington.

Mr. Coon-Come was invited by the American Association of Quebec Studies, as were your colleague, Mrs. Rita Dionne-Marsolais, and the Canadian Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Raymond Chrétien. Mr. Coon-Come sent the text of his speech to the press on the evening of November 17 and, in the same news release, to the Embassy. At no time did he ask the Embassy to comment on his speech.

Immediately after Mr. Coon-Come's speech, representatives of Hydro-Quebec and the Quebec Government who were present at the conference responded in detail to his remarks. Mrs. Dionne-Marsolais did the same in her speech that evening. You must agree that the public and the press therefore had sufficient information to form an intelligent opinion on the matter.

Mr. Landry, in your letter reason is drowned in a flood of emotion. Surely I do not have to remind you, who, like me, are a minister and as such a defender of the democratic values of our society, that Canadian embassies do not interfere and try to tell Canadians what points of view they should express at university conferences. I assume that the Quebec delegations abroad, which fall under your responsibility, follow the same rule.

I wonder what your reaction would have been if the Canadian Ambassador had asked Minister Dionne-Marsolais not to say anything about Quebec sovereignty, since to do so might offend many Canadians, within Quebec and elsewhere, who do not believe that the Quebec Government has any mandate to talk about separation.

Must I remind you that the Canadian Embassy in Washington is still serving Quebec, be it by promoting its rich cultural heritage, or by defending its interests in regard to free trade, acid rain and lumber, to name but a few?

Finally, you must surely agree that Quebecers are entirely capable of making a valid assessment of this situation.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

André Ouellet

News Release

November 30, 1994

No. 239

OUELLET ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR RUSSIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$6.9-million package of Canadian technical assistance initiatives designed to support economic reform in Russia. The Minister made the announcement in Moscow at the end of his two-day working visit.

The projects target two priority sectors: support for private sector development through agricultural privatization, land reform and patent protection; and environmental protection in the oil and gas field.

"Canada remains strongly committed to supporting economic reform in Russia. These initiatives will build on our ongoing efforts to support private sector development in Russia, including the creation of a business environment attractive to private investment, by providing advice and training in areas vital to the reform effort," said Mr. Ouellet.

The package includes a \$2.7-million project to assist in the privatization of state and collective farms, a \$2.9-million initiative to support the process of land reform, and a \$900 000 project to modernize Russia's patent protection office. Also included is a \$350 000 project to assist in minimizing the environmental impact of oil and gas exploration and production in Russia, one of the country's most pressing northern environmental concerns.

Funding for these initiatives was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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The attached background document describes the projects.

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Backgrounder

NEW CANADIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR RUSSIA

The projects announced today are part of Canada's ongoing technical assistance program with Russia managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy; to promote democratic development; and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Russia. Activities are concentrated in five priority sectors which match Canadian expertise with Russian economic and political reform priorities: private sector development, democratic development and good governance, energy, agriculture, and northern development/environment. With today's announcement, the Canadian assistance program has committed close to \$82 million to approximately 205 projects. The new projects are described below.

Privatization of Collective and State Farms

Canada will contribute \$2.7 million to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to support the privatization of state and collective farms in the region of Ryazan, south of Moscow. This initiative follows an earlier IFC pilot project that developed a farm privatization procedure in Nizhniy Novgorod. This model, which creates new private farms by dividing existing land and property among members of state and collective farms, has been endorsed by the Russian government for use throughout Russia. Canadians working on the IFC project will assist in organizing and holding farm auctions and will train Russian officials and farmers in privatization policy and procedures at the local level. In addition, 25 leaders involved in the agricultural privatization process in Ryazan will visit Canada in January 1995 for an in-depth look at Canadian farm operations.

Land Information Management System

An 18-month \$2.9-million initiative will support the development of a land information management system in the district of Dmitrov, adjacent to Moscow. Land reform and management are critical elements of Russia's transition to a market-based economy. This project will design and establish a functional land registration system and land registry office in Dmitrov with responsibility for developing modern land information management systems, land legislation, property assessment procedures, taxation systems and digital mapping technology. A Canadian consortium led by DMR Group Inc. of Montréal, and including Roche Limited — Consulting Group of Sainte-Foy, Quebec, TecSult International Limited of Montréal and UMA Engineering Limited of Edmonton, will manage the project. The Russian partner for this

project is ROSKOMZEM, the Russian federal agency responsible for land reform.

Russian Patent Office

This \$900,000 project managed by RES Policy Research Inc. of Ottawa will strengthen the management systems and capabilities of the Russian patent office, ROSPATENT, in order to help Russia meet General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) requirements for the mutual protection of intellectual rights. Under the project, patent and trademark management systems and records will be upgraded and modernized, Russian patent examiners will be trained to an international level of proficiency, and a business plan will be produced to seek financing for full automation of the patent office. The project will contribute to increased trade with Russia by providing better protection for Canadian intellectual property and investments.

Environmental Training

This \$350,000 initiative seeks to minimize the environmental impact of oil and gas exploration and production in Russia. Russia's oil and gas industry accounts for a significant share of the country's GDP and foreign exchange earnings. Under the project, 16 managers of six Russian producer associations will travel to Canada for training in Canadian technologies and operating procedures related to such areas as the prevention of leaks and spills, clean-up methods, emissions reduction, emergency preparedness, and legal and regulatory requirements. Trainees also will tour various Canadian oil and gas operations to study Canadian technologies and techniques in operation.

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CANADA TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP ON UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced Canada's candidacy for a seat on the United Nations Security Council for the 1999-2000 term.

"Canada has made a tremendous contribution to the work of the UN since its establishment 50 years ago, most notably in the areas of peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance; our efforts in both have alleviated the suffering of millions around the world. With a seat on the Security Council, we will be able to play a vital role in guiding the organization into the next millennium," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Security Council consists of five permanent members (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States) and ten non-permanent members, five of which are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years.

In electing the Council's non-permanent members, the General Assembly is required to take into account the contribution of candidate countries to the goals of the United Nations and to the maintenance of international peace and security. The General Assembly also seeks to ensure the equitable geographical distribution of Security Council seats.

Canada last sat on the Security Council for a two-year term in 1989-1990.

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No. 241

MACLAREN LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL FAXLINK SERVICE

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today inaugurated the FaxLink International Information Service, designed to provide foreign traders, investors and business people with information on Canada, its business environment, laws and export capabilities.

Run by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's InfoCentre, the service will also show how to access relevant government and private sector services and sources of information.

"This new service will instantly provide information of use to our trade and investment partners around the world," Mr. MacLaren said. "It is one more tool in our kit of programs to strengthen the Canadian economy through trade and investment."

The FaxLink International Information Service complements the FaxLink service provided to Canadians since February 1994. The domestic service includes more than 700 documents providing information on subjects such as export financing, government programs and services, industry sectors, and the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Both the domestic and international services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are accessed by calling from a fax machine handset. The international service can be reached by calling (613) 944-6500; the domestic service phone number is (613) 944-4500.

For more information on either service, call the FaxLink Administrator at (613) 944-1488 or (613) 944-1490.

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OUELLET ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$1.17-million contribution to two Canadian technical assistance initiatives with the Romanian Development Bank. The inter-related projects, managed by P. A. Conseils (Canada) International Inc. of Montréal, are providing institutional strengthening support and training to the Bank in the fields of credit risk analysis, branch operations, human resource development and treasury operations.

"This project reflects Canada's concrete support for Romania's privatization and banking reform priorities. Canada has world-class expertise in the banking sector, which we are making available to assist Romania in its transition to a market-based economy," said Mr. Ouellet.

Under the project, some 650 Romanian Development Bank staff members benefit from on-site training by Canadian experts, while 14 selected Romanian managers are undergoing advanced training and internships with Canadian financial institutions. The Romanian Development Bank became one of the first and largest commercial banks in Romania in 1990 under the country's banking sector reform program.

The Canadian contribution was announced today — Romania's National Day — during a visit to Canada by the President of the Romanian Development Bank, Mr. Marian Crisan.

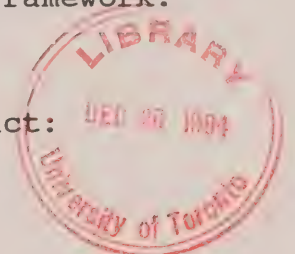
The project is part of Canada's ongoing program of assistance with Romania designed to support the transition to a market-based economy, promote democratic development and increase Canadian trade and investment links with Romania.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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No. 243

OUELLET TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF LA FRANCOPHONIE IN BURKINA FASO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that he will head the Canadian delegation to the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie to be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from December 8 to 10.

This fourth Ministerial Conference will give the member countries of La Francophonie an opportunity to examine the administration and programs of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT) on the occasion of the 26th meeting of its Board of Directors. It will also allow them to study the progress report of the Permanent Council of La Francophonie, which is responsible for ensuring follow-up to the October 1993 Mauritius Summit and for laying the groundwork for the Cotonou Summit taking place in Benin in November 1995.

Mr. Ouellet will engage in bilateral talks with delegation heads of other member countries and with ACCT Secretary-General Jean-Louis Roy.

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No. 244

OUELLET ANNOUNCES PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ICAO 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced his plans to participate in the 50th anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). ICAO was created in 1944 and established its headquarters in Montréal in 1947.

"Canada is honoured to host this important international body. The active support and co-operation of all levels of government for ICAO's continued presence has made Montréal the civil aviation capital of the world," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet will be host to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali at a celebration at the Place des Arts on the evening of December 6.

On December 7, Mr. Ouellet will attend a flag-raising ceremony at ICAO headquarters to mark the first International Day of Civil Aviation.

ICAO is one of the oldest UN-associated bodies and is the only UN organization with headquarters in Canada. It has 183 member states and employs a staff of more than 700. Its mandate is to set standards and regulations and to make plans for the safety of international civil air transportation.

The ICAO anniversary is one of several international events leading up to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in 1995.

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A background document is attached.

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ICAO AND CANADA

History

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), based in Montréal since 1947, is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was created in Chicago on December 7, 1944, under the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Activities

- ICAO's mandate is to promote the safe and orderly development of air navigation, air transportation and aviation security.
- Canada has been active in triennial ICAO assemblies which have endorsed aviation safety initiatives such as a global strategic planning concept; civil and military co-ordination; smoking restrictions on international passenger flights that will lead to a complete ban by 1996; and the harmonization of global aviation rules.

Canada's role

- Canada is a founding member of ICAO and is one of 183 contracting states.
- The Canadian representative to ICAO is on the ICAO Council, the organization's governing body, and is currently its First Vice-President.
- Canada has been elected to the Council by virtue of this country's status as a "state of chief importance in air transport."
- Canada is a member of all of the organization's standing committees and is currently involved in a special task force on the implementation of the communications, navigation, surveillance and air traffic management system (CNS/ATM), which applies high technologies in satellites, computers, data links and avionics to air traffic services.
- At ICAO's request, Canada provides air traffic control and aviation weather services for the western half of the North Atlantic in addition to its sovereign responsibility for Canadian airspace.

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December 5, 1994

No. 245



MACLAREN CHALLENGES EXPORTERS TO FOCUS ON THE "NEW" JAPAN

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today challenged Canadian exporters to take advantage of Japan's booming import market.

"The high value of the yen, sweeping economic, political and social changes, more demanding consumers, and market openings created by the GATT Uruguay Round of trade negotiations have combined to create unprecedented opportunities for Canadian exporters in the rich Japanese market," Mr. MacLaren said.

Canadian exports to Japan last year grew by 13 per cent, to reach \$8.5 billion. Japan is Canada's third-largest export market, after the United States and the European Union; sales to Japan in 1993 equalled exports to all other countries in Asia. "Hundreds of Canadian companies are enjoying great success in the Japanese market," said Mr. MacLaren. He added that "there is still huge potential for Canadian business, particularly in value-added products, where imports are growing the fastest."

To help Canadian exporters capitalize on opportunities in the "new" Japan, Mr. MacLaren unveiled a revised version of *Canada's Action Plan for Japan*. The updated Plan, produced in co-operation with provincial governments and the private sector, targets seven sectors where Canada is particularly well-placed to excel: building products, food products, fish and seafood products, automobile parts, information technologies, tourism and aerospace.

"The Plan gives Canadian business a strategic framework for export development activities in Japan. It helps build awareness of market opportunities, urges adaptation of products to market needs and details activities to promote products in the Japanese market," Mr. MacLaren said.



Mr. MacLaren delivered his remarks at an event jointly sponsored by the Canada-Japan Society of Toronto, the Japan Society and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

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The attached background document summarizes *Canada's Action Plan for Japan*.

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SUMMARY OF CANADA'S ACTION PLAN FOR JAPAN

1) Building Products

- Japan is the world's largest-housing market and Canada's leading overseas market for forest products. In 1993, Canada's exports to Japan of lumber, plywood and other wooden building materials amounted to more than \$2.2 billion.
- Demand for imported housing products is rising as a result of acute labour shortages, high labour and domestic material costs, and recession-driven demand for lower-cost, Western-style housing. In general, Canadian exporters have not been as aggressive as their European and American counterparts in pursuing Japanese demand for value-added building products.
- The Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations will reduce or eliminate tariffs on many products including plywood, particle board, wood mouldings, doors, and windows. Canada and Japan have also launched bilateral discussions aimed at achieving mutual recognition of building product standards, thereby lowering the cost of testing and certification.
- The Action Plan focuses on workshops, trade shows, advertising and promotion as ways of making Canadian firms more aware of Japanese requirements and making Japanese importers and builders more aware of Canada's supply capabilities.

2) Fish Products

- Japan absorbs more than one third of the world's total fish exports. Canada has maintained a 4.5-per-cent share of this market, amounting to \$825 million last year. The economic slowdown in Japan softened fish prices and severely hurt high-priced items, but demand is now growing as a result of economic recovery and declining domestic catches.
- Changes in consumer preferences have resulted in growing demand for products that are easily prepared.
- An aging workforce has led to greater Japanese investment in overseas processing facilities, some of which has gone to Canada, and there is potential for more.
- Uruguay Round tariff cuts will reduce average tariffs on imported fish by 34 per cent over five years, thereby making Canadian imports more competitive.

- Canada's Action Plan focuses on market intelligence, including competitors' strategies, detailed analyses of speciality markets, technology transfer projects and joint ventures, special promotions and participation in major trade shows.

3) Processed Food Products

- Canada has a 5-per-cent share of Japan's import market for agriculture and processed food products, with sales last year of \$1.57 billion. Canada's leading exports were oilseeds, grains, meat, processed food and beverages, and feeds. Canadian exports of soybeans, mineral water and ice cream were among those which experienced the biggest increases from 1992.
- Japanese economic recovery, market liberalization, and rising consumer demand for high-quality, convenient and competitively priced products, are creating new opportunities in an area where Canada enjoys an excellent reputation. Sales of beef, dairy products and fruit juices have been early success stories, and lower tariffs resulting from the Uruguay Round should create new opportunities for maple syrup, frozen pizza and a range of fresh and preserved vegetables.
- Regional markets show particular promise, as they establish direct business linkages with overseas suppliers, thereby avoiding costly intervention by Tokyo "middlemen." Growth of the food services industry and corresponding demand for low-labour products is recognized in the Action Plan as a priority market.
- Action Plan initiatives feature federal-provincial-industry co-operation in building awareness of Japanese requirements through market information and intelligence, support for the development of marketing strategies, and participation in food shows.

4) Auto Parts

- Largely because of its preferred access to the U.S. market, Canada has attracted more than \$2 billion in Japanese auto assembly investment over the past decade, along with investments in 26 auto parts, tooling and material firms.
- Canada's trade deficit with Japan in the automotive sector amounted to \$4 billion in 1993. The major challenge is for Canadian parts manufacturers to convince Japanese assemblers, both in North America and in Japan, to source more parts in Canada. Currently some 30 to 35 Canadian companies are accredited suppliers to Japanese assemblers, out of a total of about 400 Canadian auto parts manufacturers.

- The Action Plan encourages Canadian firms to make the necessary investment in technology, design, delivery and management practices to meet Japanese requirements. To build awareness of the market, federal and provincial governments are working closely with the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association, Japan's Pacific Automotive Co-operation Inc., and the Japan External Trade Organization. Activities include technical seminars, market information and participation in major Japanese automotive shows.

5) Aerospace Industries

- Japan's relatively small aerospace industry appears to be in the process of shifting from a narrow domestic and military focus to becoming a world-scale, first-rank aerospace competitor. This creates challenges and opportunities for Canadian aerospace firms.
- Canadian expertise in areas such as airport design and construction, air traffic control systems and other ground support should be in demand.
- Action Plan efforts concentrate on developing heightened awareness of Japanese technical requirements and encouraging strategic partnerships, co-operative research projects and opportunities for subcontracting relationships with Japanese manufacturers.
- The Aerospace Industries Association of Canada will play a leading role in this effort and provide liaison with the Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies.

6) Tourism

- Japan now ranks as Canada's most important overseas market in terms of visitor revenues, generating a record \$451 million in 1993. Long-term Japanese visits to Canada increased by 4.1 per cent the same year, with total visits up 2 per cent to 505 812. Japanese visitors spend more per day than any other tourists, averaging \$157 per day in 1993.
- Following a Japanese government tourism mission to Canada in September 1993, the Canada Committee was formed to develop a number of strategies designed to meet the goal of tripling the number of visitors travelling between Canada and Japan to two million annually.
- The economic benefits of reaching the target — in Canada's case, tripling Japanese arrivals from 500 000 to 1.5 million per year

— are enormous. An additional \$1 billion would be pumped into the Canadian economy each year, creating 20 000 new jobs.

- These strategies include: the promotion of tourism to Canada during the off-peak months by Canada's major airlines; the development of a comprehensive cross-cultural skills and awareness training program for delivery in various sectors of the Canadian tourism industry; an action plan to meet the needs of independent Japanese travellers; and the development of special train and bus passes for Japanese tourists.

7) Information Technologies

- Canada's information technology industries (including telecommunications, software, processing and professional services) had export sales of about \$11.4 billion last year, generating roughly one quarter of total revenues.
- The proliferation of personal computers in Japan and the introduction of the Windows operating system create new opportunities for fast-growing Canadian software producers. Canadian software companies now have about 5 per cent of the software import market. Action Plan initiatives focus on: expanding this share by concentrating on niche markets, where Canada's small and medium-sized software firms excel; distributing promotional materials to Japanese firms to increase their awareness of Canadian capabilities; and encouraging strategic partnerships.
- Expansion and liberalization of the Japanese telecommunications sector creates opportunities for Canadian suppliers. Detailed market intelligence and close monitoring of changes to the regulatory environment are therefore central to the Action Plan. Participation in events such as the Canada-Japan Telecommunications Exchange, planned for April 1995, is the type of activity aimed at linking Canadian technology with Japanese business and industry association representatives.

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No. 246

CANADA SIGNS CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF UN AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Defence Minister David Collenette today congratulated the United Nations General Assembly on the adoption of the Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel.

"Today's conflicts are generating unprecedented casualties among UN personnel. The signing of this Convention signals the international community's concern for those courageous men and women who risk their lives on behalf of peace," said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canadians have long played a significant role in UN operations. I welcome the signing of this Convention, which recognizes the value of the contribution of our peacekeepers and the need to provide them with a measure of security during the course of their duties," said Mr. Collenette.

Canada chaired the year-long negotiations on the Convention. Under its terms, attacks against UN peacekeepers, peacemakers and their premises are considered international crimes. Signatories are obliged to prosecute offenders in the country where the crime is committed or to extradite them to another state (e.g. the victim's home country or the country of origin of the accused).

The Convention applies to UN personnel engaged in operations to maintain or to restore international peace and security, or where the Security Council or General Assembly has declared that there is an exceptional risk to safety.



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The personnel covered by the Convention include the military, police and civilian components of UN operations; persons engaged by the Secretary-General or UN specialized agencies; UN officials present in an area where operations are taking place; persons deployed by non-governmental organizations under specific agreements with the UN; and members of multinational forces, where there is an agreement of the Security Council or the General Assembly.

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No. 247

OUELLET WELCOMES CANADIAN APPOINTMENTS TO OAS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the appointment of two Canadians to the Organization of American States (OAS). The appointments were announced yesterday by OAS Secretary-General César Gaviria.

Elizabeth Spehar was appointed Executive Co-ordinator of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy. Currently Head of the Americas Program at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Montreal, Ms. Spehar will take up her new duties in Washington on January 23, 1995.

The Unit for the Promotion of Democracy, originally a Canadian proposal, was created in 1990. It is the primary instrument for regional efforts to consolidate democratic gains in the hemisphere through election monitoring and assistance programs to strengthen electoral and legislative institutions and processes, and civic education to promote democratic values.

Hélène Laverdière, now at the Canadian Mission to the OAS, has been appointed Director of the Department of Human Resources. She will take up her new duties in mid-January. As Director, Ms. Laverdière will be responsible for all personnel management systems, including staffing, contracting, classification, compensation and evaluation for an OAS staff of over 600 people.

"Canada welcomes the opportunity to make continued contributions to the effectiveness of the OAS, in areas as diverse but important as democratic development and human resource management," said Mr. Ouellet. "These appointments are part of a series of ongoing measures designed to give Canada a stronger and more visible role in this organization."

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No. 248

MacLAREN WELCOMES U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FULL REFUND OF SOFTWOOD LUMBER DUTIES

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, welcomed today's announcement by the U.S. government that there will be a full refund with interest of the estimated \$800 million in interim duties collected on Canadian softwood lumber. The completion of the refund process will give full effect to the outcome of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) binational softwood panel review.

"With this U.S. action, we can now put this case behind us. The close co-operation and teamwork among industry, the federal and provincial governments throughout this difficult case is largely responsible for this satisfactory result," Mr. MacLaren stated. "The resources spent in litigating this case would have been better focussed on the many forestry issues common to both countries."

"We must now take into consideration the fact that the lumber situation in North American markets has changed dramatically," Mr. MacLaren said. "Canada and the United States must place a high priority on ensuring the sustainable development of the North American forest resource."

Mr. MacLaren announced that, in order to provide a forum for future bilateral co-operation in this sector, the U.S. Trade Representative and he have agreed to establish a Canada-U.S. consultative process on forestry issues. The overall mandate of this consultative process is to enhance bilateral co-operation in areas of mutual concern and interest within the forestry sector.



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"This case has clearly demonstrated the disruptive effects on producers and consumers in the use of trade remedy laws in a free trade area," said Mr. MacLaren. "The creation of a consultative process is an important step in moving from a litigious to a co-operative bilateral relationship on lumber."

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December 15, 1994

The Honourable Michael Kantor
U.S. Trade Representative
600 - 17th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Kantor:

I confirm receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

Dear Minister MacLaren:

I have the honor to confirm my government's acceptance of the attached paper, "Elements of a Consultative Process", representing our mutual agreement to begin a consultative process on trade in softwood lumber and related forestry resource issues.

Further, it is understood by both governments that this consultative process will be undertaken without prejudice to the rights of either side to take measures under domestic law or international agreements, and without diminishing the obligations of either side under domestic law or international agreements.

I propose that this letter, and your confirmation in reply, shall constitute acceptance by your government of the consultative process as outlined in the attached paper.

Sincerely,

Michael Kantor

This exchange of letters constitutes acceptance by our two governments of a consultative process as outlined in the attached paper.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy MacLaren".

Roy MacLaren

ELEMENTS OF A CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

- The United States and Canada wish to encourage a bilateral dialogue on trade in softwood lumber and related forestry resource issues. To that end, the governments announce the establishment of a bilateral consultative process. This process will establish an ongoing dialogue to create better understanding, to resolve problems, and to try to avoid litigation. Both sides acknowledge that such a dialogue is most likely to be productive in an atmosphere of co-operation and conciliation, not contentiousness and litigation.
- The consultative process will be government-to-government. Both governments will seek the views and input of the industries and other interested parties as appropriate.
- The Government of Canada intends to involve fully in the process the provincial governments, with respect to matters falling under provincial jurisdiction.
- Both sides agree to consult on a full range of issues, including, but not limited to: current and future policies and practices, as well as barriers, that affect trade in softwood lumber and related forestry resource issues; and challenges facing the industry in either or both countries. To this end, both sides will exchange factual information.
- The consultative process will include working together to resolve problems that may arise on either side, including ways to ensure that progress made in addressing problems is not eroded. Both sides will work to explore mechanisms to try to resolve problems or disputes without litigation.
- The United States and Canada note the significant changes that have taken place in forestry resource management programs and practices. Both sides recognize that a system of forestry resource management oriented to market forces will contribute to attaining a fair financial return from forest resources, and will assist in mitigating the possibility of contentiousness and litigation.
- The consultations will commence no later than March 1, 1995. At the initial session, the governments will agree on an agenda and schedule for the first year.
- Representatives will report periodically to ministers on progress made in the consultations.

Backgrounder

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

For the past 40 years, the United States has consumed more softwood lumber than it has produced. Canada has been, and continues to be, an important and dependable supplier of quality lumber products. As a result of the U.S. need to import softwood lumber, Canada has had a relatively constant share of the U.S. market during the last decade.

Despite constant U.S. demands for Canadian lumber, softwood lumber continues to be an area of trade friction between Canada and the United States.

LUMBER I (1982-83)

In October 1982, certain U.S. lumber interests filed a petition alleging that Canadian federal and provincial governments were subsidizing Canadian softwood lumber producers through their "stumpage" systems. Stumpage refers to the right to cut timber on government lands, subject to certain fees and other obligations.

In May 1983, the investigation was terminated when the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a final determination that Canadian stumpage programs did not confer a subsidy, because they were not provided to a specific enterprise or industry, or group of enterprises or industries, and conferred no subsidy in any event.

LUMBER II (1986)

In May 1986, U.S. lumber interests filed a second petition repeating the 1982 allegations that Canadian stumpage programs were subsidizing Canadian softwood lumber products exported to the United States. No material changes had been made to the Canadian forestry programs or stumpage fee systems.

In October 1986, the DOC issued a preliminary determination contradicting its 1983 finding. In this preliminary decision, the DOC found that Canadian provincial stumpage systems were providing a subsidy of 15 per cent — exactly half the amount alleged by the U.S. industry group — and that this subsidy was provided to a specific industry or group of industries.

The DOC calculated the amount of the subsidy by comparing provincial governments' forestry-related costs with revenues from stumpage (invoking the "cost to government" methodology). However, in determining costs, the DOC added to the actual costs incurred by the provincial governments a so-called "imputed cost" for the value of

standing timber based upon the selling price of selected timber. The difference between costs (including the "imputed cost" of timber) and revenues was then apportioned over total lumber production to set the 15 per cent subsidy rate.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (1986-91)

On December 30, 1986, the United States and Canada entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Softwood Lumber, pursuant to which Canada agreed to impose a 15 per cent charge on softwood lumber exports to the United States. This charge could be reduced or eliminated if Canadian provinces implemented replacement measures increasing stumpage fees or other costs imposed on timber production. U.S. lumber interests withdrew their petition, and the DOC terminated the investigation, stating that its preliminary determination was "henceforth without legal force and effect."

During the period of the MOU, British Columbia and Quebec adopted replacement measures that included both increasing stumpage fees and transferring to industry additional legal responsibilities and costs for silviculture and forest management. Canada and the United States consulted, and agreed on the value of these replacement measures, with the result that exports of softwood lumber products produced in British Columbia (about three-quarters of all Canadian lumber exports to the United States) were totally exempted from the 15 per cent export charge. The rate for exports of products from Quebec was reduced in stages to 3.1 per cent. Also during the period of the MOU, Alberta significantly revised its forestry-management programs, resulting in substantial increases in costs to industry, but the two countries did not consult on the value of these replacement measures before the termination of the MOU. Thus, the vast majority of Canadian softwood lumber exports to the United States — in excess of 92 per cent — was subject to substantially increased stumpage fees and related charges by the time the MOU was terminated.

In February 1991, a high-ranking official of the DOC testified before Congress that the MOU was "sufficient to offset" all alleged subsidies on Canada's softwood lumber exports to the United States as calculated in the 1986 preliminary decision.

On September 3, 1991, Canada exercised its right under the termination provision of the MOU, and notified the United States that it was terminating the MOU, effective October 4, 1991. Before taking this action, Canada used the U.S. government's own timber cost-accounting system to compare governments' forestry costs and revenues in the four major timber-producing provinces. The analysis showed that each province obtained stumpage revenues far in excess of its allocated forestry costs.

Since October 4, 1991, all replacement measures and other forestry management changes adopted during the period of the MOU have remained

in effect. Provincial governments publicly stated their intentions to retain these measures for the foreseeable future.

LUMBER III (1991-92)

In October 1991, the United States took two extraordinary actions. First, the DOC self-initiated a countervailing duty case on Canadian softwood lumber products. By self-initiating the investigation, the DOC did not require a petition from the allegedly affected U.S. industry, as it had in all previous countervailing duty cases.

Second, the United States Trade Representative (USTR), invoking the retaliatory authority of Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, ordered that softwood lumber products imported from Canada after October 4, 1991, be subject to a customs bonding requirement imposed at rates reflecting those of the Canadian export charge prior to termination of the MOU. These actions were taken outside of the countervailing duty law, and were not based on any rights under the MOU; the Government of Canada challenged their legality in a proceeding brought under the GATT Subsidies Code.

In its notice of self-initiation, the DOC rejected the use of "cost to government" calculations, the methodology used in 1986, alleging instead subsidies based on comparisons of selected stumpage fees for timber in Canada and the United States.

In December 1991, the DOC expanded its countervailing duty investigation to include Canadian export restrictions on logs.

Under U.S. trade remedy law, four decisions must be taken by two separate government agencies before a final countervailing duty can be imposed: a preliminary determination of injury (i.e. that subsidized imports have caused material injury to the U.S. industry) by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC); a preliminary determination of subsidy by the DOC; a final determination of subsidy by the DOC; and a final determination of injury by the ITC.

The Section 301 interim bonding requirement was ended on March 12, 1992, when the United States made a preliminary determination of subsidy in the CVD investigation. On July 13, 1992, the United States completed its investigation and imposed a countervailing duty of 6.51 per cent on imports of softwood lumber from Canada. The Government of Canada, the provinces and the Canadian industry requested review of the duty action by a binational panel under Chapter 19 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

THE CANADIAN LUMBER INDUSTRY

The forest industry is one of Canada's most important industries. It employed almost 311 000 people in 1993, and contributed \$18.7 billion to Canada's gross domestic product in 1992. As an earner of export

dollars, the forest industry is Canada's most important industrial sector. About 350 communities across Canada are dependent on the forest sector as their primary source of employment.

The softwood lumber industry is a significant component of the Canadian forest industry, accounting for 19 per cent of employment in the forestry sector in 1991. Canada is one of the largest producers of softwood lumber in the world. In 1991, Canada accounted for 16 per cent of total world softwood lumber production, following only the U.S. (at 24 per cent) and the former Soviet Union (at 19 per cent). Within Canada, British Columbia is the principal producer of softwood lumber, accounting for 58 per cent (by volume) of production in 1993. The next largest producer was Quebec, accounting for 19.5 per cent of production by volume.

In 1991, Canada exported more softwood lumber than any other country, accounting for 36 per cent (by value) of total world exports. The principal destination for these exports was the United States. In 1992, Canada exported over 13 billion board feet of softwood lumber to the United States, valued at approximately \$4.2 billion. In 1993, Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the United States totalled nearly 15 billion board feet, valued at approximately \$6.4 billion. For the first 10 months of 1994, Canada exported more than 11 billion board feet of softwood lumber to the United States, valued at more than \$6 billion dollars.

NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER PRICES AND DEMAND

After peaking at a record US\$475 per thousand board feet (MBF) in mid-March 1993, Western spruce-pine-fir two-by-four prices are now averaging around US\$310 per MBF.

The sharp increase in lumber prices reflected the anticipated timber supply reductions in the U.S. Pacific Northwest, along with a forecast increase in housing starts in the United States. While the anticipated timber shortage in the Pacific Northwest has become a reality, mills in the southern United States and eastern Canada have been able to boost production to make up for losses in production elsewhere.

Between March and June 1993, lumber prices dropped significantly. Since June 1993, however, prices have recovered. The February 1994 average price for softwood lumber was US\$411.50 per MBF, an increase of 0.5 per cent over the previous month. This reflects a strengthening in U.S. demand. Housing starts are expected to reach 1.4 million units by the end of 1994. However, the recent rise in interest rates may well curb the demand for housing.

Lumber analysts suggest that high lumber prices have yet to impact significantly on mortgage affordability. In 1993, an increase of \$3000 to \$4000 in new home prices due to lumber was more than offset by declining mortgage rates. However, as a result of lower transportation costs, market demand is expected to shift to cheaper materials, such as

oriented strand board, paperboards and plastics, in 1994. Otherwise, U.S. lumber demand would exceed available domestic and import supplies by a wide margin (at least several billion board feet).

Canadian companies were able to meet some, but not all, of the increased demand for lumber. Overall, lumber exports to the United States in 1992 increased by 14 per cent over 1991. The market remained relatively strong in 1993, and this trend is expected to continue.

FINAL PLAN FOR PACIFIC NORTHWEST

On February 23, 1994, the U.S. administration announced a plan to protect a host of endangered species by significantly reducing logging levels in the Pacific Northwest to 20 per cent of those in the peak years of the mid-1980s (slightly more than one billion board feet vis-à-vis five billion). The new policy is largely similar to a draft that President Clinton presented last summer.

Subsequent to the above announcement, on November 10, 1994, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management announced an additional 85 per cent reduction in future sales. As a result, harvest levels have been curtailed from 1.2 billion board feet to 221 million board feet. The Government estimates that there are 2.2 million hectares of old-growth forest left in the Northwest, with about 600 000 of that protected in national parks or wilderness areas. The Administration would allow logging in 280 000 hectares, but would keep most of the remaining old-growth forest off limits.

In Canada, British Columbia has imposed increased restrictions on the allowable cut in some of its major timber management areas.

THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION

During the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation, the DOC investigated provincial stumpage programs and Canadian log export restrictions.

A preliminary affirmative determination of injury was made on December 12, 1991, by the ITC.

On March 5, 1992, the DOC made an affirmative preliminary determination that stumpage programs and log export restrictions in British Columbia conferred subsidies to softwood lumber exported to the U.S. at a national rate of 14.48 per cent *ad valorem* (stumpage at 6.25 per cent plus log export controls at 8.23 per cent). Effective March 12, 1992, importers of softwood lumber from Canada were required to make cash deposits or post bonds of 14.48 per cent on the value of the imported merchandise.

In its final affirmative determination on May 15, 1992, the DOC confirmed its March 5, 1992 decision that Canada's provincial stumpage programs and log export restrictions in British Columbia provided

countervailable subsidies to softwood lumber imported from Canada. The overall country-wide subsidy rate was reduced to 6.51 per cent *ad valorem* (stumpage at 2.91 per cent plus log export controls at 3.60 per cent). The DOC also excluded 15 companies from the investigation.

On June 25, 1992, the ITC, in a four-to-two vote, determined that imports of Canadian lumber materially injured U.S. lumber producers. This was the last of four decisions in the U.S. CVD investigation.

FTA SUBSIDY PANEL

On May 28, 1992, the Government of Canada, the provincial governments and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of subsidy by the DOC to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. The panel reported its findings on May 6, 1993, unanimously instructing the DOC to re-examine its determinations on virtually all of the key issues in the case, reflecting in large part the arguments made by the Canadian government, provincial governments and industry.

On September 17, 1993, the DOC responded to the FTA panel with a new subsidy determination, reaffirming its original conclusion. The new determination, in fact, sought to increase the subsidy rate from 6.51 per cent to 11.54 per cent. However, the panel reviewed the DOC's conclusions and ruled that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia log export restrictions. Thus, the 11.54 per cent subsidy rate alleged by the DOC on September 17, 1993 did not have any impact on Canadian exporters of softwood lumber to the United States.

On January 6, 1994, the DOC accepted the December 17, 1993 ruling by the FTA Subsidy Panel.

On February 23, 1994, the FTA Subsidy Panel affirmed the DOC's decision. As a result, on March 7, the FTA binational panel secretariat issued a Notice of Final Panel Action, a statement that is issued by the binational secretariat when a panel ruling has been adopted. From the date that the Notice of Final Panel Action was issued, the FTA rules provided for a 30-day period in which an Extraordinary Challenge Committee could be requested either by Canada or the United States. The USTR requested the establishment of an extraordinary challenge committee on April 6, 1994. On August 3, 1994, the extraordinary challenge committee upheld the ruling of the FTA Subsidy Panel. On August 16, 1994, the DOC published a notice to revoke the order and terminate collection of the duties. The notice did, however, limit the refund of countervailing duties collected on entries made on or after March 17, 1994, the date of publication of the FTA Subsidy Panel decision. On December 15, 1994, the DOC announced that it will refund the countervailing duties collected prior to March 17, 1994.

FTA INJURY PANEL

On July 24, 1992, the Government of Canada, the affected provinces and the Canadian industry appealed the final determination of injury by the ITC to a binding binational review panel under Chapter 19 of the FTA. The Injury Panel reported its findings on July 26, 1993, ruling that the ITC's conclusion that imports of lumber from Canada injured the U.S. industry was not supported by substantial evidence.

In response to the Panel's ruling, the ITC reconsidered the information and again concluded, on October 25, 1993, that the U.S. lumber industry was injured by imports of Canadian lumber. On January 28, 1994, the FTA Injury Panel again concluded that the ITC decision was not sustainable.

On March 7, 1994, by a vote of 3 to 2, the ITC maintained its original determination that Canadian softwood lumber exports cause material injury to the U.S. lumber industry. The ITC submitted to the Panel its redetermination to that effect on March 14, 1994.

On July 6, the FTA Injury Panel reaffirmed its January 28, 1994, ruling that the ITC has failed to provide substantial evidence to support its original finding.

On August 4, 1994 the ITC was expected to vote on whether or not to accept the July 6 decision. However, as a result of the August 3, 1994 Extraordinary Challenge Committee decision, and subsequent filings made by the Coalition, the ITC, and Canadian parties, the FTA Injury Panel ordered the ITC on October 11, 1994 to maintain the Panel's order of September 15, 1994 to stay the proceedings until one of the parties requests otherwise.

Now that the countervailing duty issue has been resolved, the Panel will be dissolved.

EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE PROCEDURES UNDER THE FTA

Article 1904.13 of the FTA allows for an extraordinary challenge to a panel ruling only in cases where a panel member is guilty of bias or a serious conflict of interest, or has materially violated the code of conduct; or where the panel seriously departs from a fundamental rule of procedure or manifestly exceeds its jurisdiction. In addition, the challenged action must have materially affected the panel's decision, and must threaten the integrity of the binational panel review.

An Extraordinary Challenge Committee must be established within 15 days of a request for such a committee. The Committee comprises three members, who are selected from a 10-person roster of judges or former judges of a federal court of the United States and a court of superior jurisdiction in Canada. Each country selects one panel member, and the third is chosen by both or by lot from the roster.

Written arguments must be filed with the Committee within 21 days after the request for a Committee has been filed.

The Committee was formed on April 25, 1994 and held oral hearings on June 13 and 14, 1994.

Annex 1904.13 of the FTA provides that the Committee must render its decision typically within 30 days of its establishment. The decision of the Committee is binding on both governments. The Committee can extend the time limits in the interest of fairness and justice, as was the case in the two previous extraordinary challenges launched in 1991 and 1993, as well as the current Committee.

In rendering its decision, the Committee can affirm the decision of the binational panel, vacate the decision, or remand the decision back to the panel for further consideration, accompanied by instructions from the Committee.

The current Committee rendered its ruling on August 3, 1994, affirming the decision of the FTA Subsidy Panel that provincial stumpage programs and British Columbia log export restrictions do not constitute a subsidy.

U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE

On September 14, 1994 the U.S. industry Coalition filed a constitutional challenge to the Chapter 19 process in general and the softwood lumber case in particular. The Coalition requested the U.S. Court of Appeals to declare the Chapter 19 system and the U.S. laws implementing them to be unconstitutional. They further requested that the countervailing duty on softwood lumber be reinstated.

On October 14, separate protective filings were made by the Canadian government, the province of Quebec, and industry associations to safeguard future intervention rights in this case.

On December 15, 1994, the U.S. industry Coalition withdrew its constitutional challenge.

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

An administrative review may be conducted by the DOC at least once during each 12-month period, beginning on the anniversary of the date that a CVD order is issued. The review process is not automatic, and must be requested in writing by an interested party during the anniversary month of the publication of the order. Such reviews are designed to determine the actual amount of subsidization during a particular period, and adjust the CVD accordingly.

An administrative review is essentially a replay of the original investigation, and is therefore an extensive procedure. It involves issuance of questionnaires, presentation of arguments by interested parties and publication of initial and final results of the review.

It also provides a new opportunity for scrutiny into governmental policies affecting the subject merchandise, besides those initially investigated. As a result, the DOC may determine that "new" programs are countervailable, and amend the order to include a duty that offsets the benefits of these additional programs.

If the deposits collected during the review period are greater than the actual margin found, the DOC will refund the overpayments with interest. If the reverse occurs, the DOC will collect the underpayment with interest.

If, after the completion of a review, the DOC determines that the subsidy margin is below 0.5 per cent, then the margin is considered *de minimis* (i.e. too low to act upon) and the DOC waives the duty deposit requirement.

Canada requested the first administrative review of the softwood lumber countervailing duty order on July 30, 1993. The review will cover the period March 1992 to April 1993, and is intended to fix a final duty for shipments during that period.

Due to statutory deadlines, and notwithstanding the ongoing legal appeals under the FTA, Canada filed a request with the DOC on August 1, 1994, for an administrative review for the period April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994.

The results of final determinations of administrative reviews are subject to binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As a result of the December 15, 1994 announcement, the administrative review will be terminated.

GATT SUBSIDIES CODE PANEL

A GATT Subsidies Code Panel was established in December 1991 at Canada's request, to determine whether the U.S. actions were consistent with U.S. international trade obligations. The Panel found that the U.S. had violated its obligations when it imposed the Section 301 interim bonding requirements, but that it possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the CVD investigation. The Panel report was adopted by the GATT Subsidies Code Committee on October 27, 1993. On October 19, 1994, the USTR published in the U.S. Federal Register a notice to terminate the Section 301 action, and to release the existing bonds.

Chronology

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

- 1982-83** The United States conducts the first countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) concludes that Canadian programs do not confer subsidies to Canadian lumber producers.
- 1986** The United States conducts the second CVD investigation of softwood lumber from Canada. The DOC reverses itself and concludes that provincial stumpage programs confer subsidies of 15 per cent to Canadian lumber producers.
- December 30** Canada and the United States resolve the bitter and highly political trade dispute by entering into the Softwood Lumber Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Canada agrees to impose an export charge of 15 per cent on softwood lumber exports to the United States, in return for the U.S. industry withdrawing its CVD petition and the U.S. government terminating the investigation.
- 1987-91** The MOU is amended on several occasions to exempt the Atlantic provinces from the Canadian export charge and to reduce the export charge for British Columbia and Quebec as a result of replacement measures implemented by the provinces.
- 1991**
- September 3** The Government of Canada serves a Diplomatic Note on the Government of the United States, advising of Canada's intent to terminate the 1986 Softwood Lumber MOU, effective October 4, 1991.
- October 4** Canada terminates the Softwood Lumber MOU.
- The United States announces its intention to self-initiate the third CVD investigation, and to impose an interim bonding requirement on imports of Canadian softwood lumber.
- October 31** The DOC self-initiates the third CVD investigation.
- December 16** The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative preliminary determination of injury.
- At Canada's request, the GATT Subsidies Code Committee establishes a panel to examine whether the U.S. imposition of interim bonding measures and the self-initiation of the CVD investigation violated U.S. trade obligations.

1992

March 5 The DOC makes the preliminary determination of subsidy — 14.48 per cent.

May 28 The DOC makes the final determination of subsidy — 6.51 per cent.

The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final subsidy determination to binding binational panel review under Chapter 19 of the FTA.

June 25 The ITC makes a final determination of injury — affirmative material injury.

July 24 The Government of Canada, provincial governments and Canadian industry appeal the final injury determination to binding binational panel review under FTA Chapter 19.

1993

February 19 The GATT Subsidies Code Panel distributes its final report to the Subsidies Code Committee. The Panel concludes that the U.S. violated its trade obligations when it used Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose the bonding requirement, but that it possessed sufficient evidence to initiate the CVD investigation.

May 6 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel reports its findings, instructing the DOC to re-examine its original determination on virtually all of the major issues.

July 26 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel reports its findings, concluding that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

July 30 The Government of Canada requests first administrative review.

August 2 The Government of Canada requests company-specific administrative review.

August 24 The DOC initiates first administrative review.

September 17 The DOC makes a new subsidy determination on remand as a result of review by the FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel.

October 14 Government of Canada files company-specific administrative review information as requested by the DOC.

October 18 The ITC conducts a vote on injury as a result of the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel July 26 decision.

October 19 The DOC issues questionnaires in first administrative review.

October 25 The ITC submits a new injury determination on remand to the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel.

October 27 The GATT Subsidies Code Committee formally adopts the panel report concerning the U.S. use of Section 301 of the Trade Act to impose an interim bonding requirement in October 1991 and self-initiation of the CVD investigation.

December 17 The FTA Chapter 19 Subsidy Panel rules that the DOC, under U.S. trade law, should not have found a countervailable subsidy on either provincial stumpage programs or British Columbia log export restrictions.

1994

January 6 The DOC accepts the December 17 Panel ruling.

January 28 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel affirms its July 26, 1993, ruling that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

February 23 The FTA Subsidy Panel affirms the DOC's decision of January 6, 1994.

February 24 The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announces that the United States will request the establishment of the Extraordinary Challenge Committee to review the decision of the FTA Subsidy Panel.

March 7 FTA Panel Secretariat issues Notice of Final Panel Action. From the date that the Notice of Final Panel Action is issued, the FTA rules provide for a 30-day period in which an Extraordinary Challenge Committee can be requested either by Canada or the United States.

By a vote of 3 to 2, the ITC maintains its original determination that Canadian softwood lumber exports cause material injury to the U.S. lumber industry.

March 14 The ITC submits its most recent determination to the Panel.

April 6 The USTR formally requests the establishment of an Extraordinary Challenge Committee.

April 25 Extraordinary Challenge Committee is formed.

July 6 The FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel reports its findings, concluding that the ITC's determination of material injury was not supported by substantial evidence on the record.

August 1 Canada filed a request for a second administrative review for the period April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994.

August 3 Extraordinary Challenge Committee issues its decision with respect to Subsidy Panel decision.

August 5 The ITC to submit its new injury redetermination to the FTA Chapter 19 Injury Panel.

August 16 DOC publishes notice to revoke the order and terminate collection of the duties. Refund limited to countervailing duties collected on entries on or after March 17, 1994.

September 14 U.S. industry Coalition filed a constitutional challenge to the Chapter 19 process.

October 19 The USTR publishes in the U.S. Federal Register a notice to terminate the Section 301 action and to release the existing bonds.

December 15 The U.S. industry Coalition announces that it has withdrawn its constitutional challenge.

The USTR and the DOC announce that it will refund the countervailing duties collected prior to March 17, 1994.

Canada and the United States announce the establishment of a consultative process to deal with issues in the forestry sector that are of mutual concern to both countries.

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CANADA SET TO JOIN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION ON JANUARY 1, 1995

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today welcomed Royal Assent of Bill C-57, *An Act to Implement the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*. "Canada is now in a position to play a full and dynamic role in the new World Trade Organization (WTO) when it comes into force on January 1, 1995," Mr. MacLaren said.

"Canada was proud to propose the establishment of the WTO in the Uruguay Round negotiations," Mr. MacLaren added. "It will provide a strong foundation for the future expansion of trade and investment, generating jobs and growth in Canada and around the world."

Mr. MacLaren stressed that the momentum behind the Uruguay Round must be maintained. Unfinished negotiations on financial services, basic telecommunications, maritime services and temporary entry of personnel are scheduled for completion over the next 18 months. They promise to open up areas of considerable promise for Canada. "We also have a full agenda of 'new' issues to pursue, including trade and the environment, competition policy, and investment," Mr. MacLaren said.

Using the GATT/WTO framework as a base, Canada will continue to work towards greater multilateral, regional and bilateral trade liberalization. "In recent months, we have seen proof of the ground swell desire for freer trade in the Western Hemisphere and among Pacific nations. Our membership in the Quad (along with Japan, the European Union and the United States), in the G-7, and



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in those regional groupings gives Canada a privileged position from which to pursue and advance the WTO goals of freer, rules-based trade," Mr. MacLaren said.

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A list of contacts for information on GATT/WTO implementation is attached.

For more information, media representatives may contact:

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CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GATT/WTO IMPLEMENTATION

INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS

DFAIT

- General information on the Uruguay Round Agreement, its effect on trade rules, provincial and sectoral opportunities:
InfoCentre, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) FaxLink* (613) 944-4500
(*Call from a fax machine handset to get a menu of available documents)
- Contacts for further information:
InfoCentre, DFAIT, in Ottawa, (613) 944-4000; elsewhere in Canada, 1-800-267-8376
- Agricultural tariff rate quota administration:
Special Trade Policy Division, (613) 995-8104 or fax (613) 996-0612
- Textile and clothing agreement:
Textiles and Clothing Trade Policy Division, (613) 995-8368 or fax (613) 995-5137

CANADIAN TARIFFS AND CUSTOMS

Revenue Canada

- General information concerning the Customs and Tariff changes resulting from the GATT 1994 Agreement can be obtained by contacting your regional Revenue Canada office.
- The Automated Customs Information System (ACIS) also provides general information on the Agreement by calling: Calgary (403) 292-8750; Edmonton (403) 495-3400; Halifax (902) 426-2911; Hamilton (905) 308-8715; Moncton (506) 851-7020; Montreal (514) 283-9900; Ottawa (613) 993-0534; Quebec City (418) 648-4445; Toronto (416) 973-8022; Vancouver (604) 666-0545; Windsor (519) 257-6400; Winnipeg (204) 983-6004; other locations in Canada, 1-800-461-9999.
- Revenue Canada's Electronic Bulletin Board will provide further information to the public. Using a modem and computer settings at Baud Rate 2400, Parity N, Bit 8 and Bit Stop 1, dial the toll-free number 1-800-267-5979.

- For information on the anti-dumping and countervailing codes:
Anti-dumping and Countervailing Division, (613) 954-7349 or fax (613) 941-2612
- For information on the changes in drawbacks regulations:
Tariff Programs Division, (613) 954-6976 or fax (613) 952-3971

Industry Canada

- For information on Uruguay Round impacts and opportunities on a sectoral basis:
International Business Branch, (613) 954-3522 or fax (613) 952-0540

Agriculture Canada

- Enquiries on market access, domestic programs and regulator changes resulting from the Uruguay Round:
International Trade Policy Directorate, (613) 995-9554 or fax (613) 995-0949.

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December 21, 1994

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MACLAREN APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO EDC (EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION)

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced the appointment, effective immediately, of Dorothy E. Byrne, M. Jane Martin and James A. Pattillo to the board of directors of EDC (Export Development Corporation). They will serve three-year terms.

Dorothy E. Byrne of Vancouver, B.C. is Vice-president, Legal and Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Secretary of BC TELECOM and BC TEL. She is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia and the Canadian Bar Association, and serves on the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Institute for Studies in International Trade.

M. Jane Martin of Mississauga, Ontario is President and Chief Executive Officer of Vas-Cath Incorporated, a medical device manufacturing company. The company was named one of Canada's best-managed private companies by the *Financial Post* in 1993, and Ms. Martin was the recipient of the 1994 Canadian Women Entrepreneur of the Year award in the international competitiveness category.

James A. Pattillo of Calgary, Alberta is President and Chief Executive Officer of XL Foods Ltd., an integrated food production company. He is also a director of Okanagan Skeena Holdings Ltd., trustee of the Canadian Athletic Foundation, Governor of Strathcona Tweedsmuir School and a member of the Business Advisory Council of the University of Calgary.

"These three talented individuals will provide valuable advice to EDC as the corporation fulfils its mandate to assist Canadian exporters," said Mr. MacLaren. "Their extensive business experience will also help EDC to remain attuned to exporters' needs and concerns."

EDC is a customer-driven financial services corporation dedicated to helping Canadian business succeed in the global marketplace.



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EDC facilitates export trade and foreign investment by providing risk-management services, including insurance, financing and guarantees, to Canadian companies and their global customers. EDC reports to Parliament through the Minister for International Trade.

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News Release

December 23, 1994

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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Robert R. Fowler, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

Marc Lemieux, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Daniel G. Marchand, as Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Mary Mosser, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Zambia.

John L. Paynter, as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China with concurrent accreditation to Mongolia.

Michael C. Spencer, as Consul General in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Christopher W. Westdal, as Ambassador for Disarmament.

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Biographical notes are attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Robert R. Fowler, (B.A., Queen's University, 1968) joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1968 and the Department of External Affairs in 1969. He served abroad in Paris from 1971 to 1973, and at the United Nations in New York from 1976 to 1978. In Ottawa, Mr. Fowler served as Executive Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in 1980 was seconded to the Privy Council Office to become Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy). In 1986, he was named Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) in the Department of National Defence, and in May 1989, was appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence. He is married to Mary Fowler and they have four daughters. Mr. Fowler succeeds Louise Fréchette.

Marc Lemieux, (B.A., Laval University, 1963; M.A., Laval University, 1967) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1967. In Ottawa, Mr. Lemieux has worked as Deputy Director of Personnel, Director of Food Products Division and Director of South and Southeast Asia Trade Development Division in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He has served abroad as Consul General in Rio de Janeiro, Ambassador to Ethiopia, Consul General in Detroit and Ambassador to Algeria. Most recently, Mr. Lemieux has been the interim Regional Executive Director, Quebec Region, with Industry Canada. He is married to Lise Bergeron and the couple have two children. He succeeds Jean Nadeau.

Daniel G. Marchand (B.A., Laval University, 1970; B.Sc., [Economie] Université du Québec at Trois Rivières, 1973) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1973 and served abroad in London, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Abidjan. In Ottawa, he has held various positions, including Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister for International Trade, Director, International Expositions, and since 1992, Director, Africa and Middle East Trade Development Division. Mr. Marchand is married to Sally Dowe. He is the first resident Canadian ambassador to Lebanon since June 14, 1985.

Mary Mosser (B.A., University of Toronto, 1964; M.A., University of Toronto, 1966), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1973 and served abroad in Singapore, Paris and Moscow, and from 1992 to 1994 was Chargé d'affaires in Belgrade. In Ottawa, she worked in the areas of Aid and Development, and Commodity and Energy Policy, and held the positions of Deputy Director, Science, Technology and Nuclear Division, and Deputy Director (Eastern Europe), U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe Relations Division. Ms. Mosser succeeds Aubrey L. Morantz.

John L. Paynter (B.A., University of British Columbia, 1962; M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1963; B.A., Christ Church, Oxford University, 1965; M.A., Christ Church, Oxford University, 1970), born in Victoria, B.C., joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in Moscow, Hong Kong, Beijing and Geneva. From 1983 to 1987, he was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand with concurrent accreditation to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and from 1991 to 1994 served as High Commissioner to the Republic of India with concurrent accreditation to the Kingdom of Nepal. In Ottawa, Mr. Paynter held the positions of Director, General Economic Relations, Finance and Investment Division; Director General, Economic Policy Bureau; and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Economic and Trade Policy Branch. He is married to Inge Paynter and they have three children. Mr. Paynter succeeds Fred Bild.

Michael C. Spencer (B.A., Sophia University, Tokyo, 1964) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1967 and served abroad in Tokyo, in Osaka where he was the Public Relations Director for the Canadian Pavilion at Expo '70, in Milan, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Dallas, in Riyadh as Minister-Counsellor, and from 1986 to 1991, as Consul General in Osaka. In Ottawa, he has held positions in the Africa and Middle East Division of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and as Director, Trade Development Operations in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Spencer is married to Yukiko Spencer and they have two children. He succeeds Mary Vandenhoff.

Christopher W. Westdal (B.A. [Political Science], University of Manitoba, 1968; M.B.A. [Public Policy], University of Manitoba, 1970) joined CIDA in 1973 after working in Tanzania on University of Toronto/CIDA projects. He served abroad in India and Nepal, and from 1982 to 1985 was High Commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma. In Ottawa, he held the position of Director, Southeast Asia with CIDA, and twice was seconded to the Privy Council Office. From 1987 to 1991, he was Director General, International Organizations Bureau, External Affairs and International Trade Canada, and from 1991 to 1993 served as Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. From 1993 to 1994, Mr. Westdal taught as Diplomat in Residence at Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, B.C. He is married to Sheila Hayes. Mr. Westdal succeeds Margaret Mason.

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